



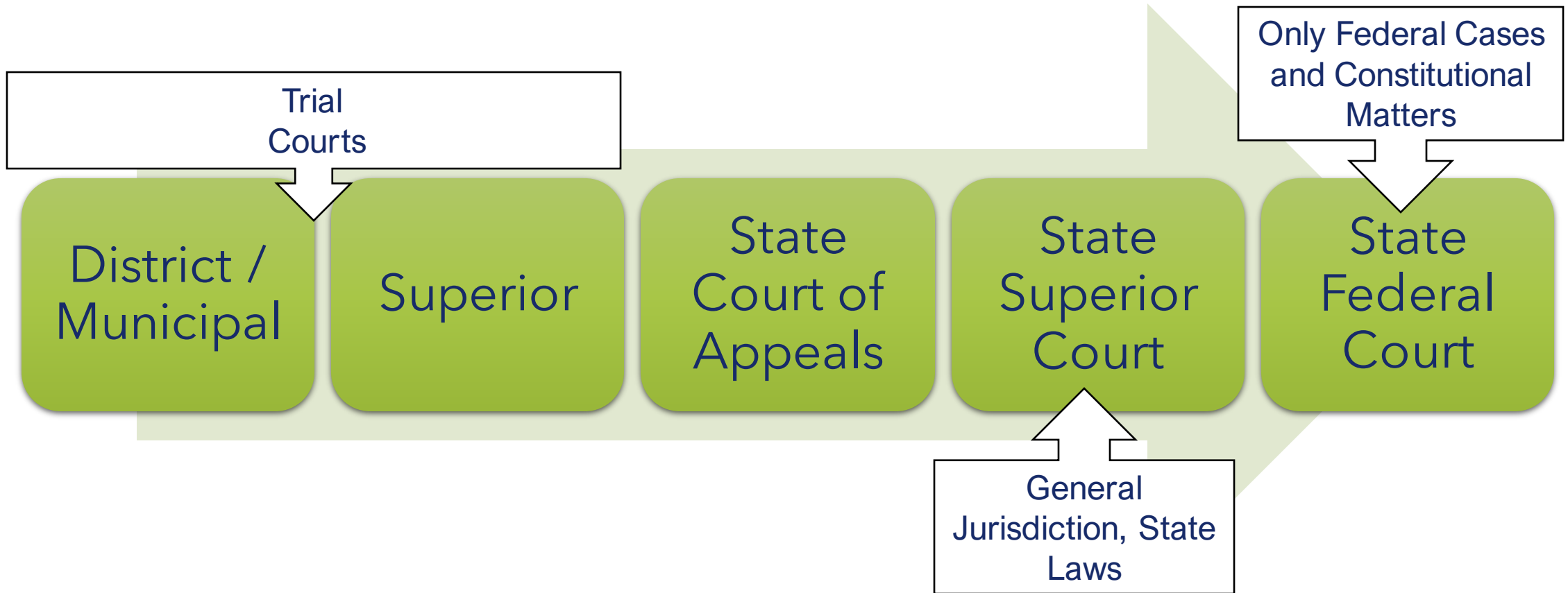
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King County Regional Homelessness Authority

Welcome WA-500 Continuum of Care Members!
Update and Overview:
Cities v. People

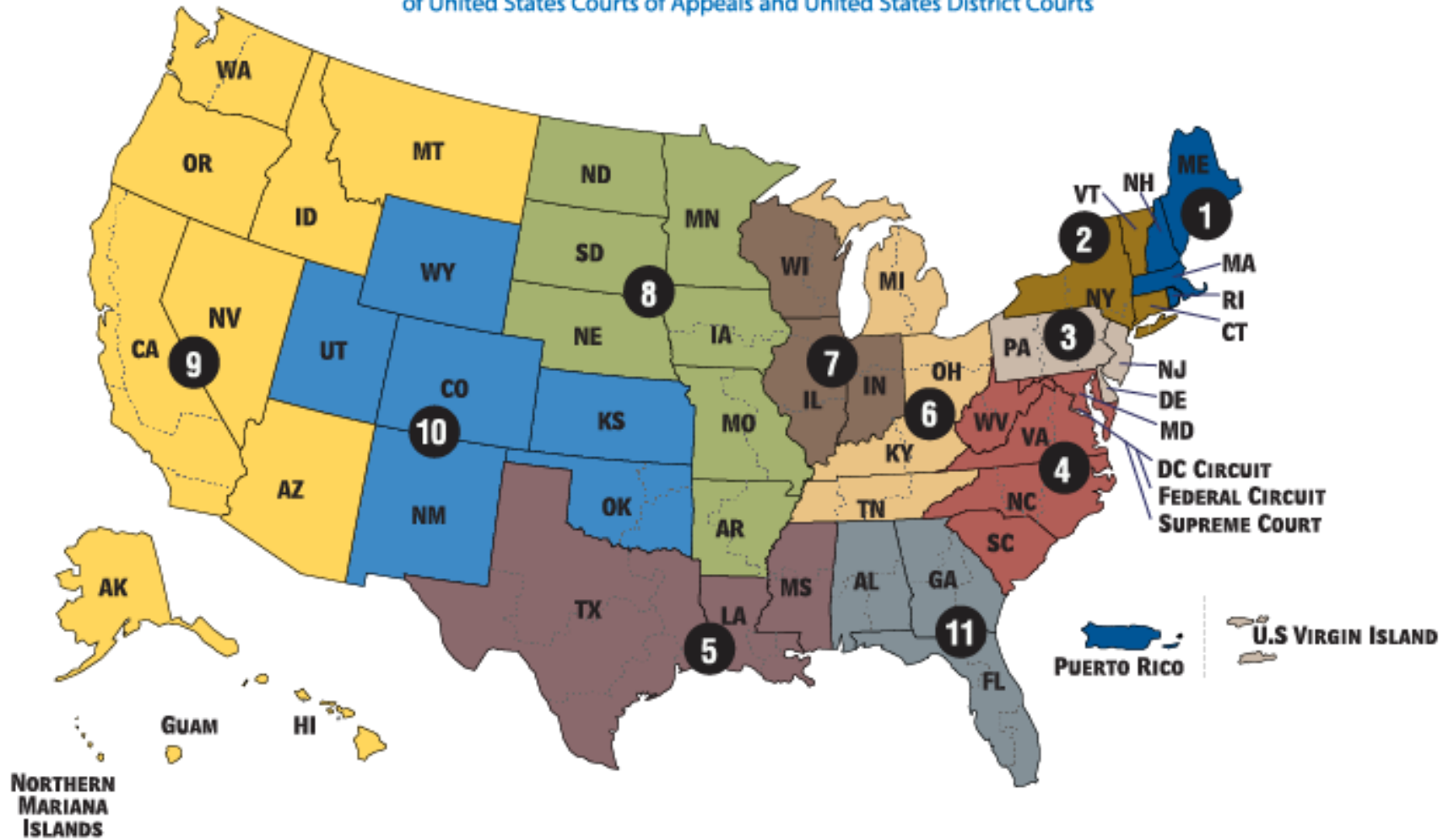
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The State Judicial System

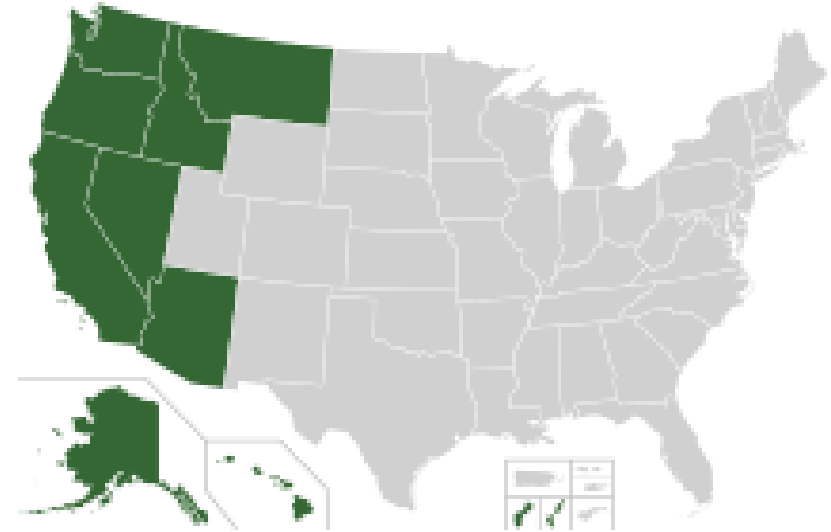


Geographic Boundaries

of United States Courts of Appeals and United States District Courts



United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit



Idaho

Montana

California

Oregon

Alaska

Hawaii

Guam

Washington

Nevada

Northern Mariana Islands

Arizona



When does the Supreme Court Hear a Case?

- "federal question" cases
- "diversity" cases
- A lower court split.
- An issue of great importance.



Martin v. Boise, ID

Robert Martin

Lawrence Lee Smith

Robert Anderson

Janet F. Bell

Pamela S. Hawkes,

Basil E. Humphrey



Martin v. Boise:



- Lawsuit began in 2009, Decision in 2018
- The case that 'started it all'.
- 9th Circuit Court of Appeals' ruling found Boise in violation of the United States Constitution.
- Panel Rehearing petition & rehearing en banc denied in Sept 2018



Johnson v. Grants Pass

Gloria Johnson

Debra Plake

John Logan



Johnson v. Grants Pass



- Lawsuit began
- 9th Circuit Court of Appeals' ruling found Grants Pass, OR. in violation of the United States Constitution's 8th amendment.

Anti-Sleeping Ordinance GPMC 5.61.020

Sleeping on Sidewalks, Streets, Alleys, or Within Doorways Prohibited

- A. No person may sleep on public sidewalks, streets, or alleyways at any time as a matter of individual and public safety.
- B. No person may sleep in any pedestrian or vehicular entrance to public or private property abutting a public sidewalk.
- C. In addition to any other remedy provided by law, any person found in violation of this section may be immediately removed from the premises.

GPMC 5.61.020. A violation of this ordinance resulted in a presumptive \$75 fine. If unpaid, that fine escalated to \$160. If a violator pled guilty, the fines could be reduced by a state circuit court judge to \$35 for a first offense and \$50 for a second offense. GPMC 1.36.010(K).



What's Happening in Washington

BMC 9.85.150

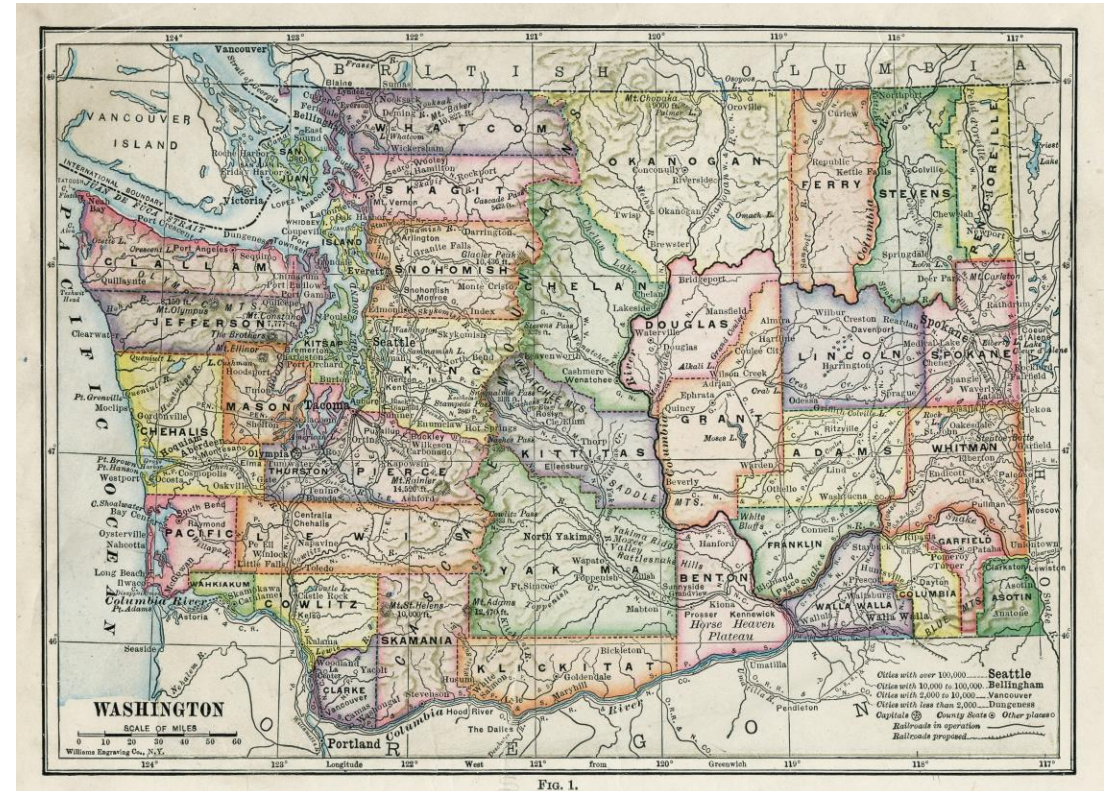
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Senate Bill 5332

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House Bill 1373

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Our Words Matter

Be thoughtful and anchored in dignity for all.



What Can We Do?

- Everyone can do something
 - Talk to your neighbor
 - Write a letter
 - Social Media
 - Signup for Alerts and Join Local Action Groups:
 - SKKCH, Western Regional Action Project, Stop the Sweeps
 - Support Mutual Aid Groups
 - Gather blankets, socks, and other hygienic items to donate.
 - Give people water!



Talk to your Neighbor:

Tips for Engagement

- People first language
- Regulation
- "Why do you think that is?"
- "Say more."
- Active listening
 - Try not to interrupt
- Emphasize the root causes of homelessness
- Focus on the "common denominator":
 - **In the end, we all want the same outcome: to end homelessness and see people in permanent housing**



Write a Letter!

1. **Introduce yourself:** *Your name, where you're from [neighborhood, city, district], issue you wish to speak to. Local (City or County)*

Example: Hello Councilmembers. My name is _____. I'm a [case manager] at [agency or program]. I work with people who are experiencing homelessness. I'm a little nervous because I've never done this before, but because we really can't lose any shelter, I am here to say my piece as you craft the budget for 2024.

2. **Value statement:** *Brief value statement to frame your advocacy message.*

Example: Everyone should have a home. It's the basic foundation for healthy people and a healthy community that folks have a decent place to live. When thousands of people do not have homes, it tells us something is wrong in society.

3. **Problem:** *What is the problem you would like your lawmaker to address?*

Example: Because we don't have enough homes that people with very limited or no incomes can afford yet, people need shelters like the one I work in so they can be safe, get some rest, and do what they need to do. Right now, 300 people in our community are in shelters that are at risk of closing at the end of this year because their contracts were funded with one-time funds ~ for four years.

4. **Solution:** *What solution would address the problem?*

Example: We need MORE good shelter that helps youth, families with kids, adults, elders, not LESS. The budget you pass must SUSTAIN current service levels, with realistic increases because of inflation and rising costs, and to pay essential workers equitable wages.

5. **Ask:** *What concrete action are you asking your lawmaker(s) to take?*

Example: We're here to urge you to include FULL funding for ALL these shelters to continue in the 2024 budget. This includes enough money to keep up with rising costs to agencies that provide the services, including inflation, and wage increases for staff who keep the doors open.



Local Organization

'Thank you to Jody!'

Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness

National Organizations

- National Low Income Housing Coalition
- National Homelessness Law Center
- National Coalition for the Homeless
- National Alliance to End Homelessness
- Housing Narrative Lab





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