

Federal Judiciary: Terms of Office and Salary

CRITICAL THINKING STRATEGIES

Understanding Cause and Effect Point out that most federal judges are nominated for life. Remind students that the president usually consults with senators about nominees to federal courts. Have each student write a paragraph about what effects these points might have on the American legal system.

DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION STRATEGIES

English-Language Learners Have a volunteer read the contents of the chart to the class. Ask the class which judges get paid the most. *Supreme Court justices* How long do most federal judges serve. *for life* Guide the class in a discussion about the effects the terms of office of federal judges might have on the legal system. Consider the following points:

- who appoints the judges
- the Senate confirmation process
- attitudes about judicial activism and judicial restraint

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COURT AND YEAR CREATED	JUDGES	TERMS	PAY
Supreme Court (1789)	9	Life	\$203,000- \$212,100
District courts (1789)	677	Life	\$165,200
Courts of Appeals (1891)	179	Life	\$175,100
Trade Court (1926)	9	Life	\$165,200
Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces (1950)	5	15 years	\$175,100
Tax Court (1969)	19	15 years	\$165,200
Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (1982)	12	Life	\$175,100
Court of Federal Claims (1982)	16	15 years	\$165,200
Court of Appeals for the Veterans Claims (1988)	7	15 years	\$165,200