

The JUDICIAL BRANCH

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The highest ranking judge of the Supreme Court is the **CHIEF JUSTICE**.

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We the People

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CIRCUIT COURTS

SUPREME COURT

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