



Mississippi Supreme Court Justices

Mississippi has a two-tier appellate court system that reviews decisions of law and fact made by the trial courts. The Mississippi Supreme Court is the court of last resort among state courts. Decisions of the Chancery, Circuit and County Courts and of the Court of Appeals may be appealed to the Supreme Court. Appeals which go directly to the Supreme Court include annexations, bond issues, constitutionality challenges, death penalty cases, disciplinary matters involving attorneys and judges, election contests, certified questions from federal court, utility rates, cases of first impression and issues of broad public interest. Nine Supreme Court justices are elected from three districts. Non-partisan elections are staggered so that not all positions are up for election at once. Supreme Court justices serve eight-year terms. Each Supreme Court justice participates in deciding appeals from the entire state. Decisions are by a majority vote of the court.

Justice	Age	Date of Birth	Tenure	Up for Re-election	Election History	District
Chief Justice Mike Randolph <i>*BIPEC Recommended in 2004 & 2012</i>	72	12/4/1946	2004-2021	2020	Appointed by Gov. Haley Barbour in 2004 / won re-election in 2004 & 2012	District 2 Place 3
Presiding Justice Jim Kitchens	75	4/29/1943	2009-2025	2024	Elected in 2008 / Re-elected in 2016	District 1 Place 3
Presiding Justice Leslie King	70	1/17/1949	2011-2021	2020	Appointed by Gov. Haley Barbour in 2011 / won re-election in 2012	District 1 Place 2
Associate Justice Josiah Coleman <i>*BIPEC Recommended 2012</i>	46	11/3/1972	2013-2021	2020	Elected in 2012	District 3 Place 3
Associate Justice Jimmy Maxwell <i>*BIPEC Recommended in 2016</i>	43	5/4/1975	2016-2025	2024	Appointed by Governor Bryant in 2016 / won re-election in 2016	District 3 Place 2
Associate Justice Dawn H. Beam <i>*BIPEC Recommended in 2016</i>	54	5/15/1964	2016-2025	2024	Appointed by Governor Bryant in 2016 / won re-election in 2016	District 2 Place 2
Associate Justice Bobby Chamberlin	54	4/6/1965	2017-2023	2024	Elected in 2016	District 3 Place 1
Associate Judge David M. Ishee <i>*BIPEC Recommended to COA in 2008 & 2016</i>	55	10/29/1963	2018-2028	2026	Appointed by Gov. Haley Barbour to the COA in 2004 / won re-election in 2008 & 2016 / Appointed to the SC in 2017 by Governor Bryant / <i>*this seat is up for election in 2026 but the Justice won't begin the term until 2028</i>	District 1 Place 2
Associate Judge T. Kenneth Griffis <i>*BIPEC Recommended in 2006 & 2014 for COA / 2016 Supported for SC</i>	57	9/9/1961	2014 - 2022	2020	Elected to COA in 2002 and re-elected in 2006 & 2014. Ran unsuccessfully for SC in 2016. Appointed to SC by Governor Bryant in 2019 / <i>*this seat is up for election in 2020 but the Justice won't begin the term until 2022</i>	District 1 Place 1