Routine state court appeals are decided by two courts. One is the District Court of Appeal. The other is the Appellate Division of the Superior Court that reviews Small Claims Court decisions. The state is divided into six appellate districts. They headquartered as follows:

- First Appellate District—San Francisco
- Second Appellate District—Los Angeles
- Third Appellate District—Sacramento
- Fourth Appellate District—San Diego
- Fifth Appellate District—Fresno
- Sixth Appellate District—San Jose

The hierarchy within California’s judicial system is displayed in List 1-C below. The counties located within the state’s six appellate districts are depicted in Figure 1-D below.