

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUDGES

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Overview of 10th Judicial Court: Circuit Courts

Circuit Court is the highest court in the county. The circuit courts are where jury trials take place. In most Alabama counties, the circuit courts hear both civil and criminal cases. In Jefferson County there is a civil division and a criminal division. The jurisdiction and powers of the circuit court are set forth by statute.

1. **CIVIL.** The circuit court shall have exclusive original jurisdiction of all civil actions in which the matter in controversy exceeds ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), exclusive of interest and costs, and shall exercise original jurisdiction concurrent with the district court in all civil actions in which the matter in controversy exceeds three thousand dollars (\$3,000), exclusive of interest and costs.
2. **CRIMINAL.** The circuit court shall have exclusive original jurisdiction of all felony prosecutions and of misdemeanor or ordinance violations which are lesser included offenses within a felony charge or which arise from the same incident as a felony charge; except, that the district court shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit court to receive pleas of guilty in felony cases not punishable by sentence of death. The circuit court may, on conviction of a defendant, upon a showing of inability to make immediate payment of fine and costs, continue the case from time to time to permit the fine and costs to be paid.
3. **APPELLATE.** The circuit court shall have appellate jurisdiction of civil, criminal, and juvenile cases in district court and prosecutions for ordinance violations in municipal courts, except in cases in which direct appeal to the Courts of Civil or Criminal Appeals is provided by law or rule. Appeals to the circuit court shall be tried de novo, with or without a jury, as provided by law.
4. **SUPERINTENDENCE OF DISTRICT, MUNICIPAL AND PROBATE COURTS.** The circuit court shall exercise a general superintendence over all district courts, municipal courts, and probate courts.
5. **CONTEMPTS.** The circuit court may punish contempts by fines not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100) and by imprisonment not exceeding five days. The power of the circuit court to enforce its orders and judgements by determinations of civil contempt shall be unaffected by this section.
6. **GENERAL.** The circuit court shall have other powers as provided by law.

Ala.Code 1975 § 12-11-30 (taken from [Jefferson County, Birmingham Division - Tenth Circuit Court of Alabama \(alacourt.gov\)](http://www.alacourt.gov))

Overview of 10th Judicial Court: District Courts

The original civil jurisdiction of the district court of Alabama shall be uniform throughout the state, concurrent with the circuit court, except as otherwise provided, and shall include all civil actions in which the matter in controversy does not exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), exclusive of interest and costs, and civil actions based on unlawful detainer; except, that the district court shall not exercise jurisdiction over any of the following matters:

1. Actions seeking equitable relief other than:
 - a. Equitable questions arising in juvenile cases within the jurisdiction of the district court.
 - b. Equitable defenses asserted or compulsory counterclaims filed by any party in any civil action within the jurisdiction of the district court.
2. Any actions enumerated in Rule 81 of the Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure other than any of the following:
 - a. Actions based in negligence against municipalities.
 - b. Actions seeking substitution of lost or destroyed records or instruments.
 - c. Summary motion proceedings.
 - d. Relieving disabilities of nonage.
3. Actions seeking declaratory judgments.
4. Appeals from probate or municipal courts.

Ala.Code 1975 § 12-12-30

The criminal jurisdiction of the district courts is as follows:

- a. Misdemeanors. The district court shall have exclusive original trial jurisdiction over prosecutions of all offenses defined by law or ordinance as misdemeanors, except:
 1. Prosecutions by municipalities having municipal courts;
 2. Any such prosecution which also involves a felony offense which is within the exclusive jurisdiction of the circuit court, except as the district court is empowered to hold preliminary hearings with respect to felonies and to receive guilty pleas as provided in subsection (b) of this section; and
 3. Any misdemeanor for which an indictment has been returned by a grand jury.
- b. Felonies.
 1. The district court may exercise original jurisdiction concurrent with the circuit court to receive pleas of guilty in prosecutions of offenses defined by law as felonies not punishable by sentence of death.
 2. The district court shall have jurisdiction to hold preliminary hearings in prosecutions for felonies as provided for in Title 15 of this code.

Ala.Code 1975 § 12-12-32

(taken from: [Jefferson County, Birmingham Division - Tenth Circuit Court of Alabama \(alacourt.gov\)](http://alacourt.gov))