

The Alaska Court System – A Unified Court System

The Alaska Court System is a unified state court system. This means there are no separate courts in Alaska at lower governmental levels - no county courts, no municipal courts, no borough courts, no justice of the peace courts.

There are four levels of courts in this unified system: the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, the Superior Court, and the District Court. Each level has its own jurisdiction, or its own powers. Magistrate Judges are judicial officers who have limited authority to handle district court matters. Magistrate Judges who are appointed as “Masters” are judicial officers who perform limited duties for the superior court.

