

APPENDIX B:

LAY PERSON'S GUIDE TO FEDERAL CIRCUITS

In the body of this manual, we often cite Court of Appeals decisions from the 13 federal judicial circuits covering the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and United States territories. Each decision is binding precedent only for district courts that are located within the appellate court's circuit, although courts may choose to follow the reasoning of a court in a different circuit. The following table is designed to help lay persons determine which Court of Appeals decisions govern the law of campaign finance in their states.

CIRCUIT:	COMPOSITION:
District of Columbia	District of Columbia
First	Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island
Second	Connecticut, New York, Vermont
Third	Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virgin Islands
Fourth	Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia
Fifth	District of the Canal Zone, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas
Sixth	Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee
Seventh	Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin
Eighth	Arkansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota
Ninth	Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Guam, Hawaii
Tenth	Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Utah, Wyoming
Eleventh	Alabama, Florida, Georgia
Federal	All federal judicial circuits

