

FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OVERVIEW

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The Fifteenth Judicial District is comprised of the counties of Baca, Cheyenne, Kiowa and Prowers with an estimated combined population of 18,990 (2021 U.S. Census estimates). The economy in this area is deeply rooted in agriculture, as well as natural resources such as oil and wind.

The district is served by two district judges who have their primary offices in Prowers County. Both district judges have a regular travel schedule to the other counties in the district. In addition to the regular travel schedule, the judges travel to the outlying counties on an “as needed” basis. Each county has a part-time county judge who handles the county court caseload for that respective county. The judicial officers are supported by 13 trial court employees consisting of administrative staff, clerks of court, judicial assistants, family court facilitator, protective proceedings monitor and self-represented litigant coordinator. The district employs an additional 13 employees in the probation department.

The case filings for the Fifteenth Judicial Districts courts for fiscal year 2023 are as follows:

	County Court	District Court
Baca County	344	122
Cheyenne County	370	58
Kiowa County	270	66
Prowers County	2059	462
Total Filings	3043	708

These filings represent a 6.14% decrease in county court cases from the 2022 statistics compared to a state-wide increase of 3.32% and a 17.58% decrease in district court filings compared to the state-wide decrease of 13.15%.

FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
JUDICIAL OFFICERS

<u>DISTRICT COURT JUDGES</u>	<u>FIRST SWORN IN</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Michael J. Davidson, Chief Judge	10/3/15	1/14/25
Tarryn L. Johnson	12/12/22	1/12/27
 <u>COUNTY COURT JUDGES</u>		
Lyudmyla Lishchuk, Baca County, 20% FTE	7/23/21	1/14/25
Deni Eiring, Cheyenne County, 20% FTE	3/2/22	1/14/25
Gary W. Davis, Kiowa County, 20% FTE	5/8/92	1/12/27
Curtis “Lane” Porter, Prowers County, 70% FTE	7/1/16	1/12/27

Please address any questions related to the trial courts to Diane Crow, Court Executive, at 719-336-7424 or diane.crow@judicial.state.co.us. Questions regarding probation may be directed to Byron Hall, Chief Probation Officer, at 719-336-2765 or byron.hall@judicial.state.co.us.