

FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OVERVIEW

January 1, 2025

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 office 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 12 trial court employees consisting of administrative staff, clerks of court, judicial clerks, family court facilitator, protective proceedings monitor and self-represented litigant coordinator. The district employs an additional 12 employees in the probation department.

The case filings for the Fifteenth Judicial Districts courts for fiscal year 2024 are as follows:

	County Court	District Court
Baca County	383	155
Cheyenne County	354	68
Kiowa County	265	50
Prowers County	2061	487
Total Filings	3063	760

These filings represent a 0.66% increase in county court cases from the 2023 statistics compared to a state-wide increase of 7.44% and a 7.34% increase in district court filings compared to the state-wide increase of 18.64%.

FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
JUDICIAL OFFICERS

<u>DISTRICT COURT JUDGES</u>	<u>FIRST SWORN IN</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Michael J. Davidson	10/3/2015	1/14/2031
Tarryn L. Johnson, Chief Judge	12/12/2022	1/12/2027
 <u>COUNTY COURT JUDGES</u>		
Lyudmyla Lishchuk, Baca County, 25% FTE	7/23/2021	1/9/2029
Deni Eiring, Cheyenne County, 20% FTE	3/2/2022	1/9/2029
Pamela Johnston, Kiowa County, 20% FTE	9/3/2024	1/12/2027
Curtis “Lane” Porter, Prowers County, 75% FTE	7/1/2016	1/12/2027

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.