

The High Court of Southern Rhodesia consists of two judges, one at Salisbury and the other at Bulwayo, each with concurrent jurisdiction. The suitor has the choice of forum. One of these judges travels on circuit twice a year. The Supreme Court of South Africa consists of the Appellate Division and the Local and Provincial Divisions. The Cape Provincial Division (formerly the Supreme Court of the Cape of Good Hope) sits at Cape Town, and has an original and appellate jurisdiction over the Cape Province. At present there are five judges of this Division, who sit either as single-judge courts or as three-judge courts. In the Cape Province there are also the Eastern Districts Local Division (formerly the Eastern Districts Court) at Grahamstown, which consists of three judges who may sit as single-judge or three-judge courts; and the Griqualand West Local Division (formerly the High Court of Griqualand) which at present has one judge at Kimberly. The Natal Provincial Division, at Maritzburg, consists of three judges. There is also a single-judge court which sits at Durban, Natal, and is called a Circuit Court. The Orange Free State Provincial Division, at Bloemfontein, consists of three judges. In the Transvaal Provincial Division (formerly Transvaal Supreme Court), at Pretoria, there are five judges. This Court sits as a three-judge court. The Witwatersrand Local Division (formerly Transvaal High Court) at Johannesburg, Transvaal, is a one-judge court.

One of the judges of each Provincial Division is known as the Judge President and, except in appeals from a Local Division or a single-judge court when three judges must sit, any two judges of a division form a quorum. In appeals from magistrates' courts to the Provincial Divisions, as a rule at least two judges sit together. The various Provincial and Local Divisions and the High Court of Southern Rhodesia have jurisdiction over all persons residing and being in their respective areas, and all causes whatsoever, including cases in which the government is a party and those in which the validity of a statute is called in question. Where a cause arises or a person resides in the area of a Local Division, the action may be in either the Provincial or Local Division at the option of the plaintiff, and a case which