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This new directory aims to list nearly every United States court in one place. It is organized in four parts: federal courts (from the Supreme Court to special courts such as the Court of International Trade), state courts (from each state's highest appellate court to local courts), territorial courts (from American Samoa to the Virgin Islands), and Indian tribal courts (from the Absentee Shawnees to the Zunis). Entries include the court's name, address, and central telephone number.

The National Directory of Courts of Law (NDCL) offers both less and more than other court directories. Not included are the names and telephone numbers of the clerk of court and the judges. That information is found in *BNA's Directory of State Courts, Judges and Clerks* (see ARBA 89, entry 511), as is a chart of each state's court structure and, occasionally, the court's fax number. The BNA directory does not include as many lower state court listings as the NDCL, however. A lesser competitor to the NDCL is *Want's Federal-State Court Directory* (see ARBA 91, entry 582). Although the Want directory is quite comprehensive in listing federal courts and their officers, its state court section is less a directory than a description of the state's court organization. Other state court directories include *Directory of State Court Clerks and County Courthouses* (see ARBA 91, entry 574) and the *County Courthouse Book* (see ARBA 91, entry 584). If a comprehensive directory of federal courts and their officers is desired, the best bet is the semiannual *United States Court Directory* (Administrative Office of the United States Courts). It is free to federal depository libraries.

The definitive court directory does not exist. For comprehensive (yet basic) listings, the NDCL cannot be beat; 445 federal, 19,334 state and local, 122 territorial, and 229 Indian tribal courts are listed. However, the reader who wants more than merely the name, address, and telephone number of the court will have to use one of the other directories. — **James S. Heller**