

*Welcome* to the 34th Judicial District web site. The presiding judges have developed this site to allow the people of St. Bernard Parish and officers of the Court to more effectively and efficiently access information concerning this Court and other Court-related matters. We hope you find it a useful tool in increasing your access to the justice system.



**St. Bernard Parish Courthouse**

The 34th Judicial District Court is a general jurisdiction court for the State of Louisiana. As a general jurisdiction court, often referred to as a general trial court its power and authority extends to all cases of a civil nature including but not limited to disputes between private parties over contract or property rights, claims for personal injury, marriage and family matters, estate, probate and succession rights, and other related matters.

The 34th Judicial District Court also has criminal jurisdiction over misdemeanors, felonies or violations of parish ordinances committed in the territorial jurisdiction of the district and presides over all stages of the criminal proceedings from the setting of bail or other condition of release, the conducting of magistrate court for the determination of bail and probable cause, arraignments, motions and discovery, and the conduct of judge or jury trials on the determination of guilt or innocence, and other related matters.

The 34th Judicial District Court further has juvenile jurisdiction and presides over cases involving a juvenile offender, children in need of supervision, delinquency proceedings and adoptions, and other related matters. The Court further may hear appeals from the Justice of the Peace Courts as well as other appeals where authorized by statute or local ordinance. The territorial jurisdiction of the 34th Judicial District Court is consistent with the political boundaries of the Parish of St. Bernard.