

Table 3.3 School finance litigation, by year, case, and status, by state: 1970–99

State and year	Case
Plaintiffs won at the Supreme Court level or the Supreme Court approved a trial court decision for plaintiffs:	
Alabama 1993 1997	Opinion of Justices Ex Parte James
Arizona 1973 1994 1997, 1998	Shofstall v. Hollins Roosevelt Elem. School Dist. 66 v. Bishop HULL V. ALBRECHT
Arkansas 1985 1996	Dupree v. Alma School District Tucker v. Lake View School Dist. No. 25
California 1971, 1976	Serrano v. Priest
Connecticut 1977, 1985 Filed 1998	Horton v. Meskill JOHNSON V. ROWLAND
Kentucky 1989	Rose v. Council for Better Education
Massachusetts 1993	McDuffy v. Secretary of Education
Montana 1974 1989, 1990	State ex. Rel. Woodahl v. Straub Helena Elementary School District No. 1 v. State
New Hampshire 1993, 1997, 1998	CLAREMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT V. GOVERNOR
New Jersey 1973 1985, 1990, 1994, 1997, 1998	Robinson v. Cahill Abbott v. Burke
Ohio 1997	Board of Education v. Walter DEROLPH V. STATE
Tennessee 1993, 1995	TENNESSEE SMALL SCHOOL SYSTEMS V. MCWHERTER
Texas 1989, 1991, 1995	Edgewood v. Kirby
Vermont 1997	Brigham v. State
Washington 1974 1978	Northshore School District No. 417 v. Kinnear Seattle School District No. 1 v. State
West Virginia 1979, 1984 1988 1997	Pauley v. Kelly State ex rel. Boards of Education v. Chafin TOMBLIN V. GAINER
Wyoming 1980 1995	Washakie v. Hershler Campbell v. State

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State and year	Case
Plaintiffs lost at Supreme Court level and no later case is pending:	
Georgia 1981	McDaniel v. Thomas
Illinois 1996	Committee for Educational Rights v. Edgar
Louisiana 1998 1998	Charlet v. Legislature of State of Louisiana (consolidated with) Minimum Foundation Commission v. State
Maine 1995	School Administrative District No. 1 v. Commissioner
Michigan 1972, 1973 1984	Milliken v. Green East Jackson Public Schools v. State
Nebraska 1993	Gould v. Orr
North Dakota 1993	Bismark Public Schools v. North Dakota
Oklahoma 1987	Fair School Finance Council of Oklahoma, Inc. v. State
Rhode Island 1995	City of Pawtucket v. Sundlun
Virginia 1994	Scott v. Virginia
Plaintiffs lost at the Supreme Court level, but further complaints are either pending or were sustained without a final determination or settled:	
Alaska 1997 Filed 1997	Matanuska-Susitna Borough v. Alaska KASAYULIE V. STATE
Colorado 1982 Filed 1998	Lujan v. State Board of Education GIARDINO V. COLORADO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Florida 1996 Filed 1999	Coalition for Adequacy and Fairness in School Funding, v. Chiles HONORE V. FLORIDA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Idaho 1975 1993	Thompson v. Engelking Idaho Schools for Equal Educational Opportunity v. Evans
Kansas 1976 1994 Filed 1999	Knowles v. State Board of Education Unified School District No. 229 v. State ROBINSON V. STATE
Maryland 1983 Consent decree 1996	Hornbeck v. Somerset County Bradford v. Maryland State Board of Education
Minnesota 1993 Filed 1995 1999 Filed 1998	Skeen v. Minnesota MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH, NAACP V. STATE Independent School District No. 625 v. State XIONG V. STATE

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New York	
1982	Board of Education v. Nyquist
1995	Reform Educational Financing Inequities Today v. State
1995	CAMPAIGN FOR FISCAL EQUITY INC. V. STATE OF NEW YORK
North Carolina	
1987	North Carolina Britt v. North Carolina State Board of Education
1997	LEANDRO V. STATE
Oregon	
1976	Olsen v. Oregon
1991	Coalition for Ed. Equity v. Oregon
1997	WITHERS V. OREGON
Pennsylvania	
1979	Dansen v. Casey
1998	Marrero v. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
1998	PENNSYLVANIA ASSOC. OF RURAL AND SMALL SCHOOLS V. CASEY
South Carolina	
1988	Richland County v. Campbell
1999	ABBEVILLE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT V. STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
Wisconsin	
1989	Kukor v. Grover
1998	VINCENT V. VOIGHT
The Supreme Court has not rendered a decision on the school finance system, and no litigation is now pending:	
Delaware	
Hawaii	
Indiana	
Iowa	
Mississippi	
Missouri ¹	
Nevada	
New Mexico	
South Dakota	
Utah	

¹Procedural ruling issued in 1994 (Committee for Educational Equality v. State of Missouri).

NOTE: Cases pending as of 1999 are listed in capital letters. The District of Columbia was not reported in the original source.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Status of School Finance Constitutional Litigation, 1999*. Oregon data from Paul Minori and S. Sugarman, "School Finance Litigation in the Name of Educational Equity: Its Evolution, Impact, and Future" in H.F. Ladd, R. Chalk, and J.S. Hansen (Eds.), *Equity and Adequacy in Education: Issues and Perspectives, 1999*.