

Shāfi'īyya	Ḥanafīyya	Mālikīyya	Ḥanbaliyya
	Abū Ḥanīfa Abū Yūsuf al-Shaybānī	Mālik	
al-Shāfi'ī  al-Muzanī al-Anmāfī	Ibn al-Thaljī al-Shaḥḥām	al-Qāḍī Ismā'īl	Aḥmad Ibn Ḥanbal
<b>Ibn Surayj</b> Abū Bakr al-Fārisī al-Ash'arī al-Iṣṭakhrī Ibn Abī Hurayra al-Marwazī Abū 'Alī al-Ṭabarī al-Bāhilī al-Marwarrūdhī al-Qaffāl al-Shāshī	Abū 'Alī al-Jubbā'ī al-Barda'ī Abū Hāshim al-Māturīdī <b>al-Karkhī</b> Abū 'Abd Allāh al-Baṣrī al-Jaṣṣāṣ Abū 'Abd Allāh al-Jurjānī	Abū Bakr Ibn Bukayr al-Ash'arī Ibn al-Muntāb al-Karābisī Abū al-Faraj al-Laythī Ibn Mujāhid Abū Tamām Ibn al-Qaṣṣār	al-Khallāl al-Khiraqī <b>Ghulām al-Khallāl</b> Ibn Shāqullā? Abū al-Ḥasan al-Tamīmī Abū al-Ḥasan al-Jazarī?
Ibn Fūrak Abū Ḥāmid al-Isfāryīnī Abū Ishāq al-Isfāryīnī 'Abd al-Qāhir al-Baghdādī  Abū al-Ṭayyib al-Ṭabarī  Abū Ishāq al-Shīrāzī al-Juwaynī	al-Dabūsī al-Ṣaymarī Abū al-Ḥusayn al-Baṣrī	al-Bāqillānī Ibn Khuwayzmindād Ibn Naṣr  al-Bājī	Ibn Ḥāmid  Abū Ya'la

Left: Stress ambiguity and flexibility (e.g. Ash'ariyya). Center: Combine power and flexibility (jurists' hermeneutic). Right: Stress clarity, limit flexibility (e.g. Mu'tazila).

Ancillary figures listed in gray are not themselves part of the preclassical juristic hermeneutical traditions of these schools.