

Structure of the Ohio Judicial System

THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO
Chief Justice and Six Justices

Court of last resort on state constitutional questions of public or great interest; appeals from Board of Tax Appeals, Public Utilities Commission, all death sentences; original jurisdiction in select cases.

COURT OF APPEALS
Twelve Districts

Appellate review of judgments of common pleas, municipal and county courts, appeals from Board of Tax Appeals; original jurisdiction in select cases.

COURTS OF COMMON PLEAS

General Division Civil and criminal cases; appeals from most Administrative agencies.	Domestic Relations Division Divorces and dissolutions; domestic violence cases; support and custody of children.	Probate Division Descendents' estates; mental illness; adoptions; marriage licenses.	Juvenile Division Offenses involving minors; most paternity actions.
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MUNICIPAL COURTS

Misdemeanor offenses; traffic cases; civil actions up to \$15,000

COUNTY COURTS

Misdemeanor offenses; traffic cases; civil actions up to \$15,000

MAYOR'S COURTS

Violations of local ordinances and state traffic laws. Not courts of record.

COURT OF CLAIMS
Judges Assigned by Chief Justice

All suits against the state for personal injury, property damage, contract, and wrongful death; compensation for victims of crime. Three-judge panels upon request.