

**U.S.  
Supreme Court**

\_\_\_\_\_ For only cases between states, or involving \_\_\_\_\_.

Most work is on \_\_\_\_\_, either from U.S. Courts of Appeal, or \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

**Federal Court System**



**U.S. Court of Appeals**

No \_\_\_\_\_ jurisdiction, only hears cases  
on \_\_\_\_\_ from U.S. District Courts



**U.S. District Court**

\_\_\_\_\_ Courts. \_\_\_\_\_ Jurisdiction

**Civil Trials**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- **Public lands**
- \_\_\_\_\_

**Criminal Trials**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Patent/copyright infringement

**Texas State Court System**

**Texas Court of  
Criminal Appeals**

- \_\_\_\_\_ only  
- \_\_\_\_\_ appeals

**Texas Supreme Court**

- \_\_\_\_\_ only  
- \_\_\_\_\_ cases.

**Texas Court of Appeals**

Review of  
Death Penalty  
Cases

Original &  
Appellate

**District Courts  
"Big Cases"**

- \_\_\_\_\_  
- complex civil cases  
- Juvenile court

**County Courts**

- Mid level \_\_\_\_\_ Courts
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Appeals of J.P. & Muni Verdicts
- Small \_\_\_\_\_ cases

**Original  
Jurisdiction**

**Justice of Peace (JP) Courts**

Civil and criminal  
Small \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ only.  
No court reporters

**Municipal (Muni) Courts**

- Judges are \_\_\_\_\_
- Court Reporters
- Only \_\_\_\_\_ Cases

Appeals

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