



OHIO JUDICIAL STRUCTURE



SUPREME COURT

CHIEF JUSTICE AND SIX JUSTICES

Original jurisdiction in select cases; court of last resort on state constitutional questions and questions of public or great general interest; appeals from Board of Tax Appeals, Public Utilities Commission and death penalty cases.

COURT OF APPEALS

TWELVE DISTRICTS, THREE-JUDGE PANELS

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

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

IN EACH OF 88 COUNTIES

GENERAL DIVISION

Civil and criminal cases; appeals from most administrative agencies.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION

Divorces and dissolutions; support and custody of children.

JUVENILE DIVISION

Offenses involving minors; most paternity actions.

PROBATE DIVISION

Decedents' estates; mental illnesses; adoptions; marriage licenses.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY COURTS

130 MUNICIPAL & 23 COUNTY COURTS

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

MAYOR'S COURTS

302 MUNICIPALITIES WITH MAYOR COURTS

Not courts of record.
Violations of local ordinances and state traffic laws.
Matters can be reheard in municipal or county courts.

COURT OF CLAIMS

JUDGES ASSIGNED BY THE 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.

Ohio Twelfth District Court of Appeals

