

# Structure of the US Court System

**Use the following terms to fill out the Graphic Below:**

State Supreme Courts

US Supreme Court US Court of Appeals

US District Courts

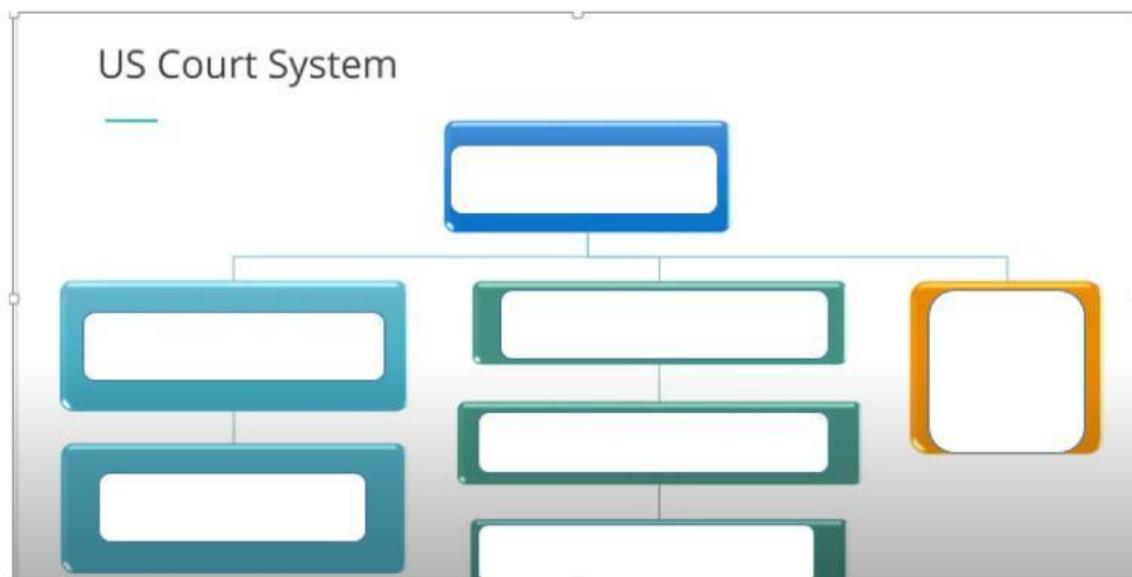
State Trial Courts

Special Federal Courts and Entities

US Supreme Courts

Intermediate Appellate Courts

State Trial Courts



## Matching:

Original Jurisdiction

Federalism

Judicial Review

Appellate Jurisdiction

District Courts

Checks and Balances

Case Certification System

Diversity Jurisdiction

1. \_\_\_\_\_ - most cases are originally filed here and are ruled upon by judges and juries; also known as the front line courts
2. \_\_\_\_\_ - the sharing of powers between the federal government and states
3. \_\_\_\_\_ - limits the power of federal or national courts
4. \_\_\_\_\_ - the ability of the court to declare a legislative or executive act in violation of the constitution; established in the case of Marbury vs Madison in 1803 by the US Supreme Court (ie: cases on whether state laws are in violation of the US Constitution, such as burning of US flags)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ - gives parties from other states access to federal courts

6. \_\_\_\_\_ - some cases may be immediately tried before the Supreme Court without having to go through the state or federal courts first (ie: lawsuits between 2 or more states, or cases involving ambassadors and other public ministers)
7. \_\_\_\_\_ - The Supreme Court only agrees to hear or certify selected cases that have gone through the federal or state court system before reaching the Supreme Court; The Supreme Court only takes cases that come from the Federal Court of Appeals of the State Supreme Court.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ - can hear cases on appeal on almost any other case that involves the point of constitutional or federal law (ie: cases where the US is a party, cases involving treaties, and cases involving ships on the high seas)

**Multiple Choice:**

1. What is the highest court in the US?
  - a. District Court
  - b. Supreme Court
  - c. Court of Appeals
2. Where is the US Supreme Court based?
  - a. Sugarland, TX
  - b. Lexington, KY
  - c. Washington D.C.
3. What are the two court systems that exist in the US?
  - a. International and Local
  - b. Federal and State
  - c. Regional and Out of State
4. How many federal districts are in the US?
  - a. 100
  - b. 94
  - c. 85
5. How many Circuit Courts of Appeals does the US have?
  - a. 12
  - b. 2
  - c. 15