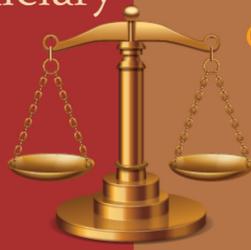


The Texas Judiciary

SUPREME COURT

FINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION IN CIVIL AND JUVENILE MATTERS



COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

FINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION IN CRIMINAL MATTERS

THE BASIC STRUCTURE OF THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM OF TEXAS WAS ESTABLISHED BY AN 1891 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT



14 COURTS OF APPEALS INTERMEDIATE APPEALS FROM TRIAL COURTS

MORE THAN 2,800 ELECTED OR APPOINTED JUDGES



and...



300

RETIRED AND FORMER JUDGES ELIGIBLE TO SERVE FOR ASSIGNMENT AS A VISITING JUDGE



140

ASSOCIATE JUDGES APPOINTED TO SERVE IN DISTRICT, COUNTY-LEVEL, CHILD PROTECTION, AND CHILD SUPPORT (TITLE IV-D) COURTS

DISTRICT COURTS GENERAL JURISDICTION 458



GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED BY EACH DISTRICT COURT ESTABLISHED BY STATUTE CREATING THAT COURT

510 COUNTY COURTS

COUNTY COURT

PRESIDED OVER BY COUNTY JUDGE



JUDGE ALSO SERVES AS HEAD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

STATUTORY COUNTY COURTS AID THE CONSTITUTIONAL COUNTY COURTS WITH JUDICIAL FUNCTIONS

ESTABLISHED IN MORE POPULOUS COUNTIES

DESIGNATED AS: COUNTY COURTS AT LAW OR STATUTORY PROBATE COURTS

817 JUSTICE COURTS

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE: NOT LESS THAN ONE, NOT MORE THAN 16 (PER COUNTY)



EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION

CIVIL MATTERS UP TO \$200



CONCURRENT JURISDICTION WITH COUNTY COURTS

CIVIL MATTERS BETWEEN >\$200 - \$10,000

MISDEMEANOR CASES

WHERE PUNISHMENT UPON CONVICTION MAY BE BY FINE ONLY

936 MUNICIPAL COURTS

CREATED BY STATUTE

EACH INCORPORATED CITY



ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

VIOLATIONS OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES



CONCURRENT JURISDICTION WITH JUSTICE COURTS

MISDEMEANOR STATE LAW VIOLATIONS LIMITED GEOGRAPHICALLY TO MUNICIPALITY

LIMITED CIVIL JURISDICTION

SPECIFIC TYPES OF CASES

TRIALS IN JUSTICE COURTS AND MOST MUNICIPAL COURTS

are NOT of record
APPEALS FROM THESE COURTS
are by new trial ("trial de novo")



TRIAL DE NOVO IS LIKE STARTING OVER

USUALLY APPEALED TO COUNTY COURT

EXCEPT IN CERTAIN COUNTIES:
APPEALED TO A COUNTY COURT AT LAW OR A DISTRICT COURT



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