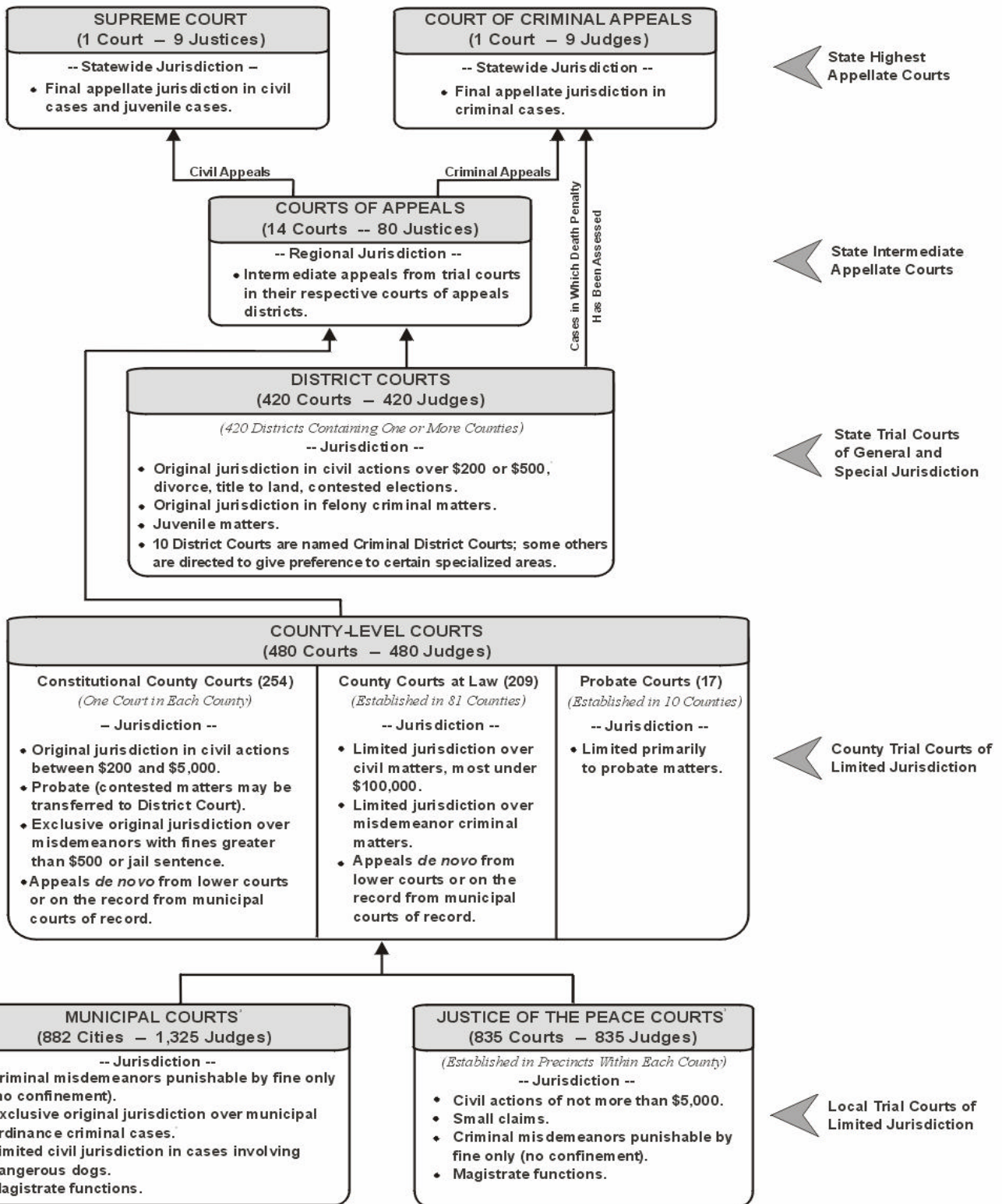


# COURT STRUCTURE OF TEXAS

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The dollar amount is currently unclear. See district courts section of Subject Matter Jurisdiction of the Courts.  
 Some Municipal Courts are courts of record – appeals from those courts are taken on the record to the county-level courts.  
 All Justice of the Peace Courts and most Municipal Courts are not courts of record. Appeals from these courts are by trial *de novo* in the county-level courts, and in some instances in the district courts.  
 An offense that arises under a municipal ordinance is punishable by a fine not to exceed: (1) \$2000 for ordinances that govern fire safety, zoning, and public health or (2) \$500 for all others.