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iCivics Judicial Branch: Test Your Knowledge

What type of court?

First determine if the case is state (S) or federal (F) and drag the box. Then match the court to the case by dragging it.

Case Text	State or Federal	Court
1. My husband and I are fighting constantly. We need a divorce!		
2. I got into a car accident with someone from another state. I want to sue him!		
3. I have gone through several appeals for my right of freedom of expression. Next stop: the Highest Court in the Land		
4. I'm only 14 but was caught driving my dad's car. I needed to get to school!		
5. My new apartment is full of bugs! I want to sue my landlord and get my money back.		



Juvenile



US Supreme



Municipal



Family



US District

S

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Appeals

Which one of these cases is ready to go to the US Supreme Court?

I was arrested for spray-painting a billboard in my town. My case was heard in County Court and I was convicted. I want to fight this!



Van Dell

I think that I didn't get promoted at work because I'm a woman! A US Court of Appeals heard my gender discrimination case, but I lost! I want to appeal.



Sybil Rights

My case about allowing soldiers to swim in my pool was heard in US District Court, but I lost! I need to appeal so I can work on my tan this summer without any soldiers around!



Sunny Swimmer



Mini-Quiz

1) Cases about the U.S. Constitution are handled
in state / federal court *federal*



2) Cases about the family issues are handled in
state / federal court state



3) Cases involving citizens from different states
are handled in state / federal court
federal



4) This court focuses on misdemeanors (less serious crimes) and civil disagreements up to \$1000. County Court



5) This court focuses on cases about people's last wills. *Probate Court*



6) This court focuses on cases about minors (people under the age of 18). Juvenile Court

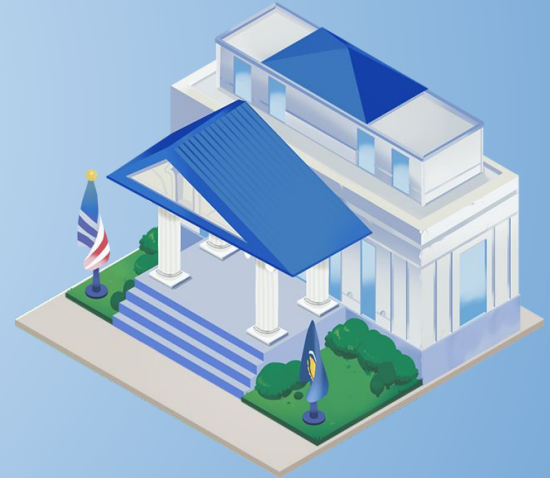


7) Which court focuses on a wide variety of cases and hears appeals from lower state courts?

A. Family Court

B. Municipal Court

✓ C. Circuit Court



8) What does the U.S. Court of Appeals handle?

- ✓ A. appeals from all of the 13 US District Courts in its circuit.
- B. appeals from the Probate Court
- C. appeals from the Municipal Court



9) What is an intermediate appellate court?

A. It's the highest court in the land, no more appeals.

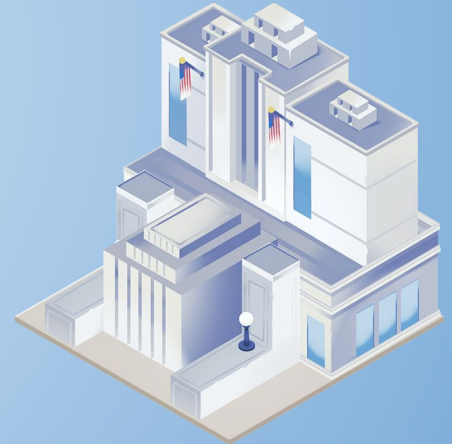
✓ B. It's in the middle, cases can still appeal from here.

C. It's a lower state court, and cases can appeal from here.

10) True or False?

Jurisdiction means that the court hears different kinds of cases and covers different areas.

True



11) True or False?

Once a case is heard at the State Supreme Court, it cannot be appealed.

False



12) True or False?

Cases about issues that come up in cities and towns (like traffic violations or landlord-tenant issues) are first heard in Appeals Court

False

