OHIO JUDICIAL STRUCTURE

SUPREME COURT

CHIEF JUSTICE AND SIX JUSTICES

Court of last resort on state constitutional questions of public or great general interest; appeals from the Public Utilities Commission, all death sentences; original jurisdiction in select 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.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY COURTS

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

MAYOR'S COURTS

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

COURTS 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 illness; adoptions; marriage licenses.

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.