

Aim:

What is the role of the Supreme Court?

Quiz

How many members on the Supreme Court?

How long is their term of office?

How do Supreme Court Justices get their jobs?

Who is the Chief Justice?

Can you name another justice on the Supreme Court?

True/False – you have to be an attorney to serve on the Supreme Court?

What is the job/role of the Supreme Court?

Why do justices have life tenure?

- Reason – protect justices from political pressure so that they can be more impartial
- Is the court really above politics?



William O. Douglas
1939-1975



Neil Gorsuch

Sonya Sotomayor

Elena Kagan

Brett Kavanaugh

Clarence Thomas

Chief Justice
John Roberts

RB Ginsburg

Amy Coney Barrett

Too much power?

- Appointed not elected
 - Not directly accountable to the people
- Life Tenure
- Judicial Review – authority to declare laws null and void

Court System

- Original Jurisdiction:

a court's authority to hear and decide cases for the first time (trial court).

- Appellate Jurisdiction:

a court's authority to hear cases on appeal

Supreme Court

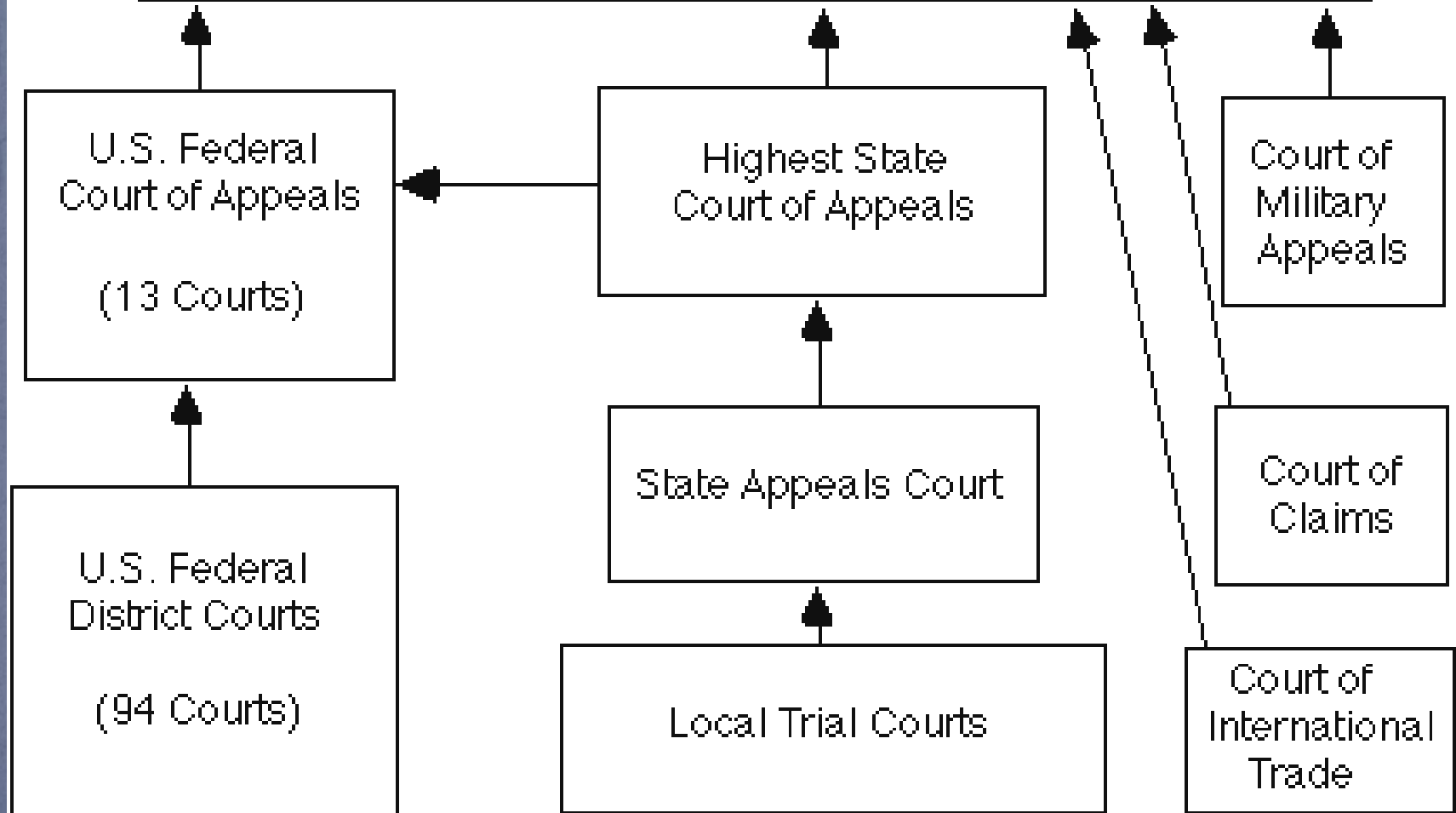


Circuit Courts of Appeals
(13 Circuits)



District Courts

U.S. Supreme Court



Supreme Court

- Has both Original and Appellate Jurisdiction
- 9 Justices
- Appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate.
- Appointed for life – retirement or impeachment

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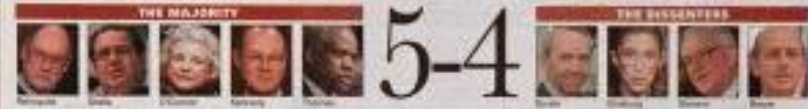
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DECISION: BUSH

Supreme Court rules against recount; Gore reviews options, will speak today



THE MAJORITY
5-4

Recount unfair, high court says

The Supreme Court today said that a recount would be unfair and that the Florida legislature has no authority to order a recount. The 5-4 ruling by the court, led by Chief Justice William Rehnquist, is the final word on the matter. The court's decision is a major victory for George W. Bush, who leads in the electoral college. The court's ruling is a surprise, as many analysts expected a 5-4 vote in favor of a recount. The court's decision is a major victory for George W. Bush, who leads in the electoral college. The court's ruling is a surprise, as many analysts expected a 5-4 vote in favor of a recount.

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Florida House approves Bush slate

Chief Justice Rehnquist's opinion, signed by five justices, says that Florida's recount would be unfair and that the legislature has no authority to order a recount.

Mayer won't run for re-election



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Article III of the Constitution

- When does the U.S. Supreme Court have Original Jurisdiction?
- When does the U.S. Supreme Court have Appellate Jurisdiction?
- According to Article III of the U.S. Constitution what are the powers/role of the Supreme Court?

Marbury v. Madison (1803)

- Established Judicial Review
- **Judicial Review:** the Supreme Courts power to interpret the constitution and law and decide the constitutionality.