STRUCTURE OF THE OHIO JUDICIAL SYSTEM

THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Original Jurisdiction in select cases; court of last resort on stat constitutional questions and questions of public or great general interest; appeals from Board of Tax Appeals, Public Utilities Commission and death penalty cases.

COURT OF APPEALS

Original jurisdiction in select cases; appellate review of judgments of common pleas, municipal and county courts; appeals from the Board of Tax Appeals.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

General
Civil and criminal cases; appeals from most administrative agencies.

Domestic Relations
Divorces and dissolutions; support and custody of children.

Probate
Probate, adoptions, and mental illness cases.

Juvenile
Offenses involving minors; most paternity actions.

MUNICIPAL COURTS

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

COUNTY COURTS

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

MAYOR'S COURTS

Not Courts of Record

Misdemeanor offenses; traffic cases.

COURT OF CLAIMS

All suits against the state for personal injury, property damage, contract and wrongful deaths; compensation for victims of crime; three-judge panels upon request.