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 Board of Tax Appeals and 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.

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.

MUNICIPAL & COUNTY COURTS

Misdemeanor offenses; traffic cases; civil action 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.

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.