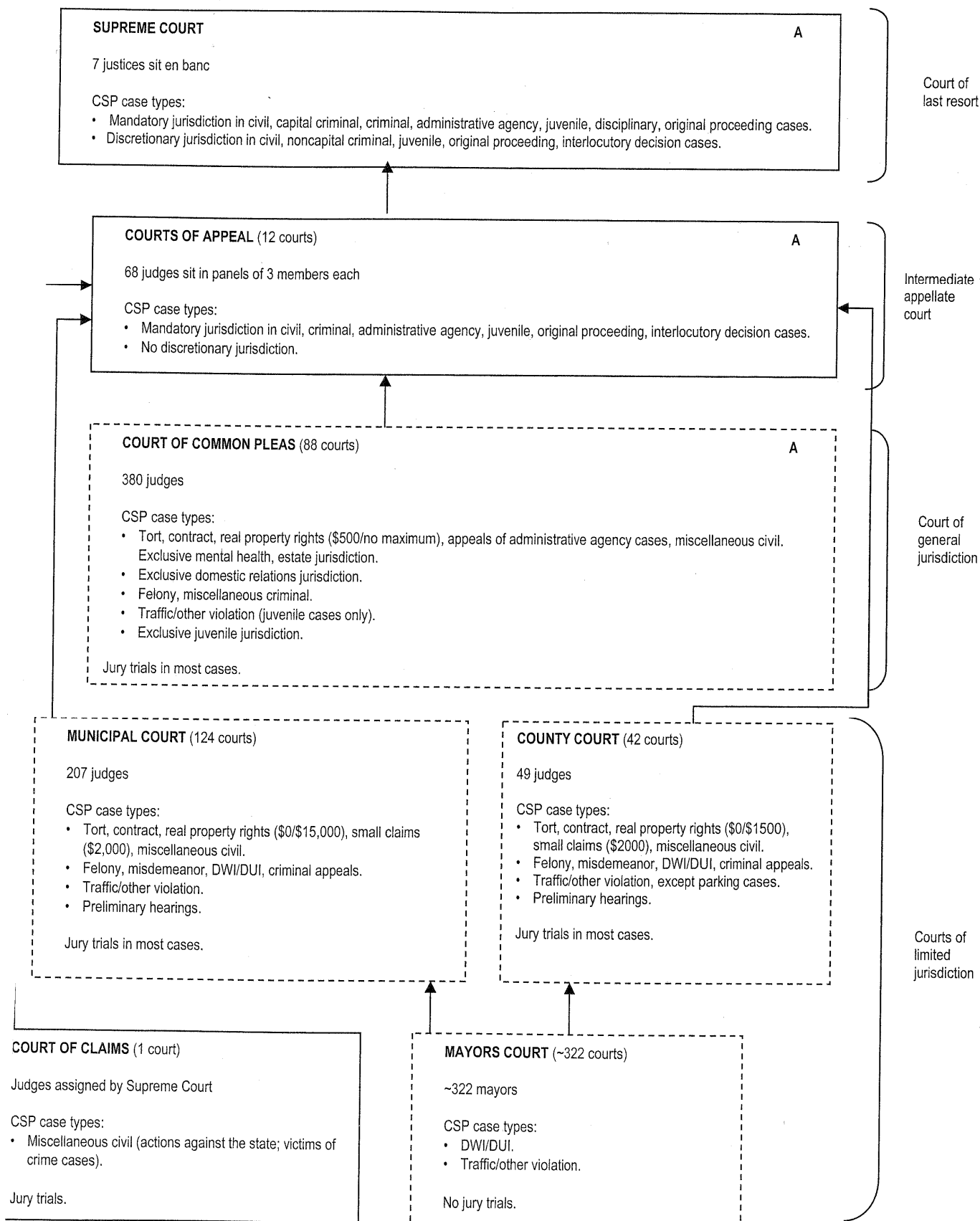


# OHIO COURT STRUCTURE, 2004



**SUPREME COURT**

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7 justices sit en banc

CSP case types:

- Mandatory jurisdiction in civil, capital criminal, criminal, administrative agency, juvenile, disciplinary, original proceeding cases.
- Discretionary jurisdiction in civil, noncapital criminal, juvenile, original proceeding, interlocutory decision cases.

Court of last resort

**COURTS OF APPEAL (12 courts)**

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68 judges sit in panels of 3 members each

CSP case types:

- Mandatory jurisdiction in civil, criminal, administrative agency, juvenile, original proceeding, interlocutory decision cases.
- No discretionary jurisdiction.

Intermediate appellate court

**COURT OF COMMON PLEAS (88 courts)**

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380 judges

CSP case types:

- Tort, contract, real property rights (\$500/no maximum), appeals of administrative agency cases, miscellaneous civil. Exclusive mental health, estate jurisdiction.
- Exclusive domestic relations jurisdiction.
- Felony, miscellaneous criminal.
- Traffic/other violation (juvenile cases only).
- Exclusive juvenile jurisdiction.

Jury trials in most cases.

Court of general jurisdiction

**MUNICIPAL COURT (124 courts)**

207 judges

CSP case types:

- Tort, contract, real property rights (\$0/\$15,000), small claims (\$2,000), miscellaneous civil.
- Felony, misdemeanor, DWI/DUI, criminal appeals.
- Traffic/other violation.
- Preliminary hearings.

Jury trials in most cases.

**COUNTY COURT (42 courts)**

49 judges

CSP case types:

- Tort, contract, real property rights (\$0/\$1500), small claims (\$2000), miscellaneous civil.
- Felony, misdemeanor, DWI/DUI, criminal appeals.
- Traffic/other violation, except parking cases.
- Preliminary hearings.

Jury trials in most cases.

Courts of limited jurisdiction

**COURT OF CLAIMS (1 court)**

Judges assigned by Supreme Court

CSP case types:

- Miscellaneous civil (actions against the state; victims of crime cases).

Jury trials.

**MAYORS COURT (~322 courts)**

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CSP case types:

- DWI/DUI.
- Traffic/other violation.

No jury trials.