

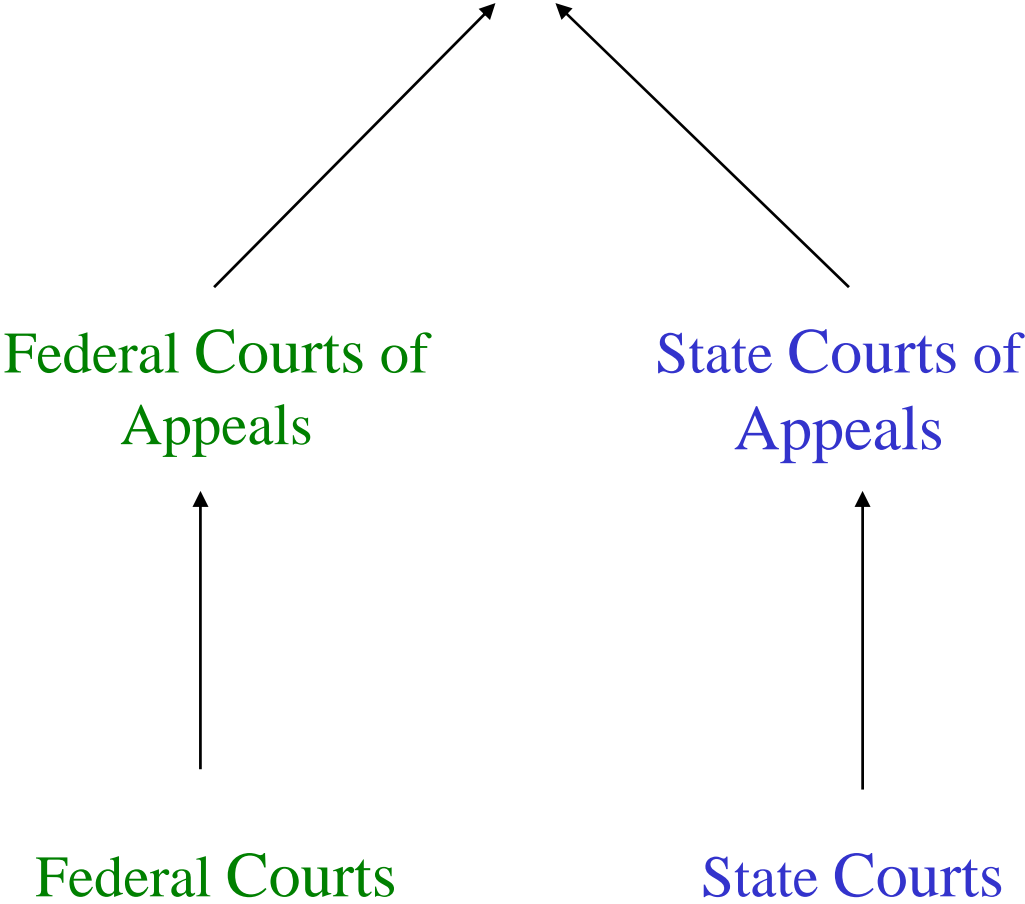
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# United States Court Structure

United States Supreme Court



# UNITED STATES COURT STRUCTURE

SUPREME COURT

**United States Supreme Court**

APPELLATE COURTS

**United States Courts of Appeals**

12 Regional Circuit Courts of Appeals

1 US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

TRIAL COURTS

**United States District Courts**

94 Judicial Districts

U.S. Bankruptcy Courts

**U.S Court of International Trade**

**U.S. Court of Federal Claims**

FEDERAL COURTS AND  
OTHER ENTITIES  
OUTSIDE THE JUDICIAL  
BRANCH

**Military Courts (Trial and Appellate)**

**Court of Veterans Appeals**

**U.S Tax Court**

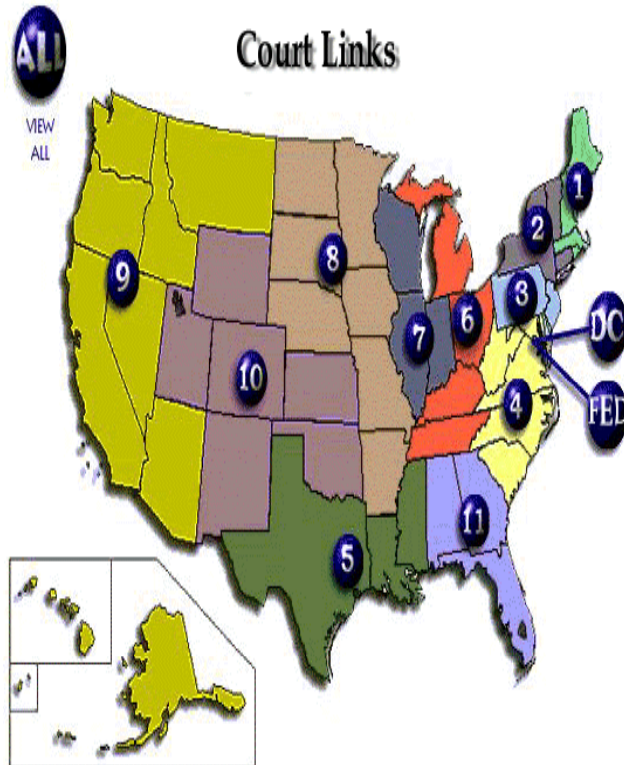
**Federal Administrative Agencies and  
Boards**

# Federal Courts

United States District Court and United States Courts of Appeals  
Geographic Boundaries

Example: 2th Circuit

- Connecticut Bankruptcy Court
- Connecticut District Court
- Court of Appeals
- New York Eastern Bankruptcy Court
- New York Eastern District Court
- New York Northern Bankruptcy Court
- New York Northern District Court
- New York Southern Bankruptcy Court
- New York Southern District Court
- New York Western Bankruptcy Court
- New York Western District Court
- Vermont Bankruptcy Court
- Vermont District Court



Circuit:

of Appeals for the Federal Circuit  
Court of Appeals

DC Circuit:

DC Bankruptcy Court

DC District Court

Federal Public Defender

Federal

US Court  
DC Circuit

# Possible Similarities Between US Federal and Afghanistan Judicial Organizations

1. Judicial Conference.....High Council; Conference of Chief Judges
2. Administrative Office.....General Administration Directorate of the Judiciary
3. Federal Judicial Center.....Research and Studies
4. Circuit Judicial Councils.....Provincial Appellate Cts.
5. Individual Courts.....Individual Courts
6. Chief Judge..... Provincial Appellate Court Chief Judge; Military, Primary, Specialized Court Chief Judges

# Officers and Staff in an American Court

## PART OF THE COURT

## NOT PART OF THE COURT

Chambers Staff  
(Personal staff of each judge)  
**Judge's Personal Secretary**  
**Judge's Law Clerks**

Central Staff of the Court  
**Clerk of Court**  
(**court administrator**)  
*Courtroom staff, Financial staff, technology staff, Records staff, Court Reporters, Interpreters*  
**Central Legal Staff**  
(**law clerks or staff attorneys**)  
**Probation Office**  
*Federal - part of the courts  
Many States - Part of the Executive Branch*  
**Pretrial Services Office**  
*Similar to the Probation Office*  
**Librarian**

Government Officers  
**Security Officers**  
U.S. Marshall (federal)  
Sheriff (states)  
**Prosecutor**  
U.S. Attorney (federal)  
District Attorney (state)  
**Law Enforcement Agencies**  
FBI, DEA, etc. (federal)  
Police (state)  
**Public Defender**  
Federal - Part of the Judiciary  
States - Often established as a separate agency  
**Building Management**  
Federal - Executive Branch agency  
States - Mostly Executive Branch  
**Bankruptcy Administrator**  
Exclusively Federal

Private, Non-Governmental Officers  
**ADR Professionals**  
**Lawyers**

# Judicial Conference of the United States

