

Federal Court System Structure

Part 1: Draw a diagram of the federal court system. Include the following:

- The three main types of courts (District Courts, Courts of Appeals, Supreme Court).
- The type of jurisdiction for each type of court (6 points)
- What types of cases each court hears (6 points)

Part 2: Go to the following website and answer the questions:

<http://www.uscourts.gov/EducationalResources/FederalCourtBasics/CourtStructure/UnderstandingFederalAndStateCourts.aspx>

1. Where is the U.S. Court of Claims located? What types of cases does it hear? (2 points)

2. Where is the U.S. Court of International Trade located? What types of cases does it hear? (2 points)

3. Which special court would you go to if you have a problem with your taxes? (1 point)

4. In many cases in the U.S. District Courts, a judge will determine issues of _____, and a jury will determine issues of _____. What do you think this means? (2 points)

5. Why does the U.S. have two court systems? (1 point)