

American Government

A BASIC OUTLINE

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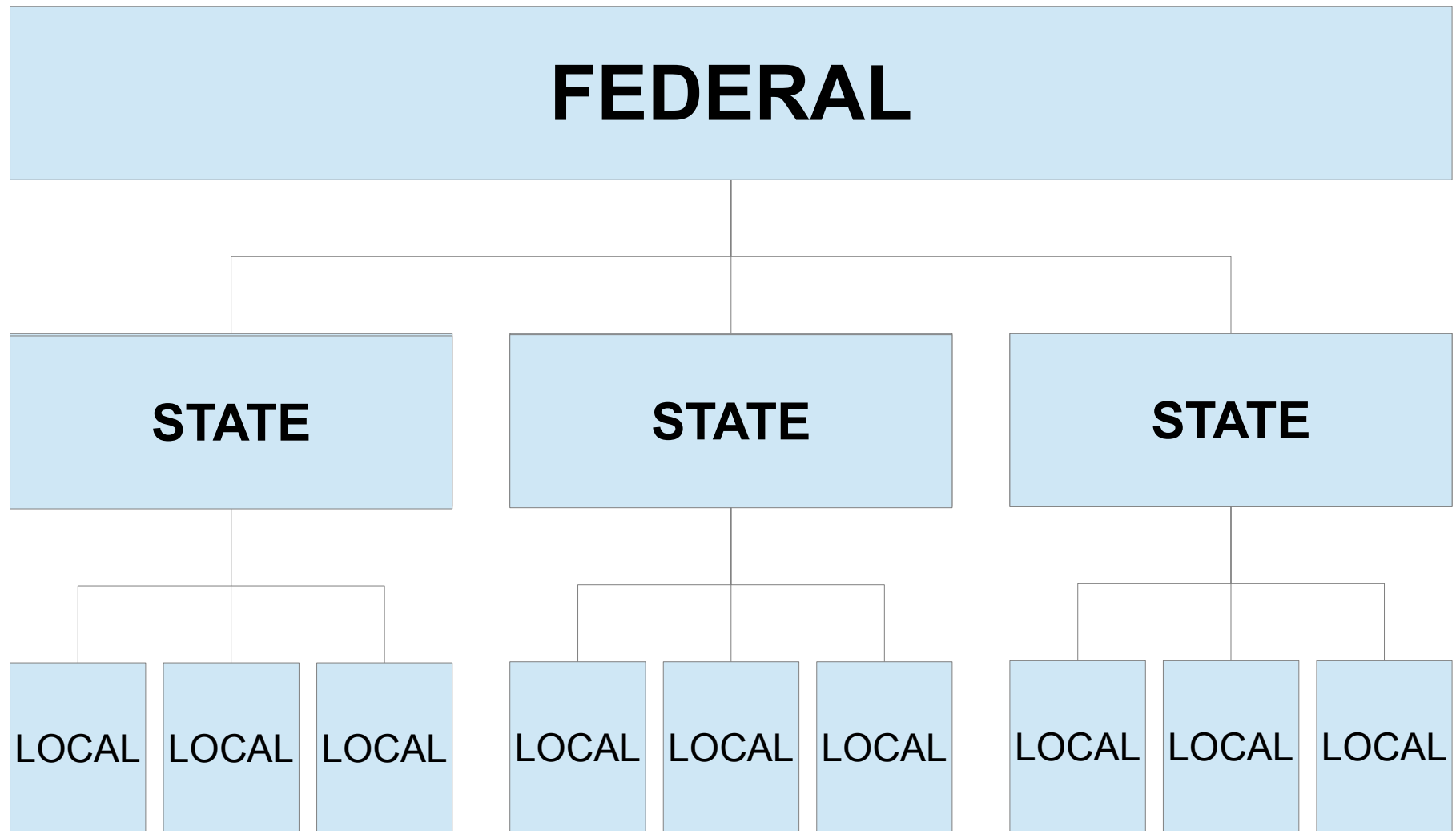
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Beginning of American Government

- 1774: Continental Congress (1st)
- 1775-76: Continental Congress (2nd)
- 1776: **"DECLARATION of INDEPENDENCE"**
- 1777: **"ARTICLES of CONFEDERATION"**
- 1775-1783: American Revolution
- 1787: Constitutional Convention
- 1787: **"CONSTITUTION of the
UNITED STATES of AMERICA"**
- 1787-88: **"FEDERALIST PAPERS"**
(by Madison, Hamilton & Jay)
- 1788-90: Ratification of the Constitution

American Government Structure: HEIRARCHY



American Government Structure: SEPARATION of POWERS

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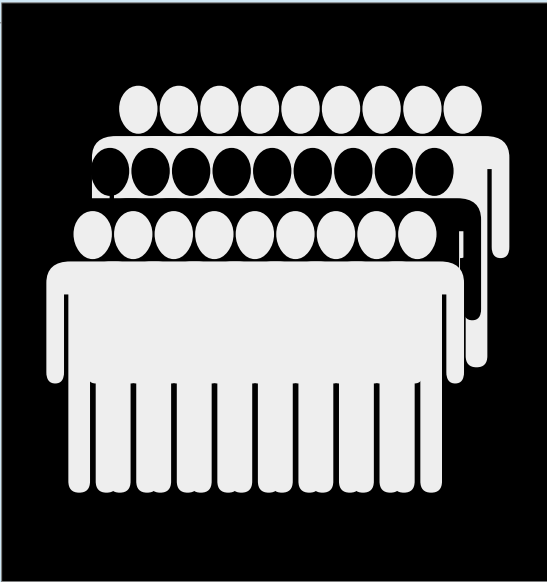
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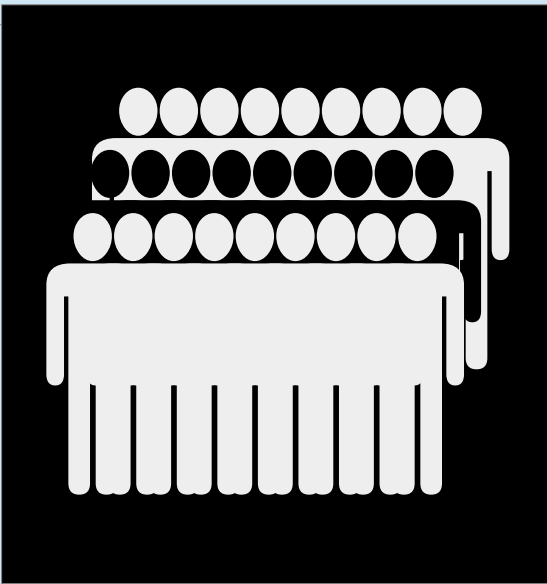
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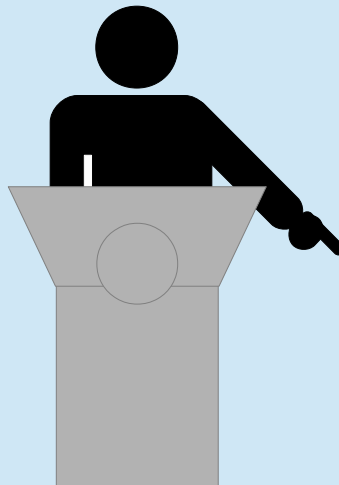
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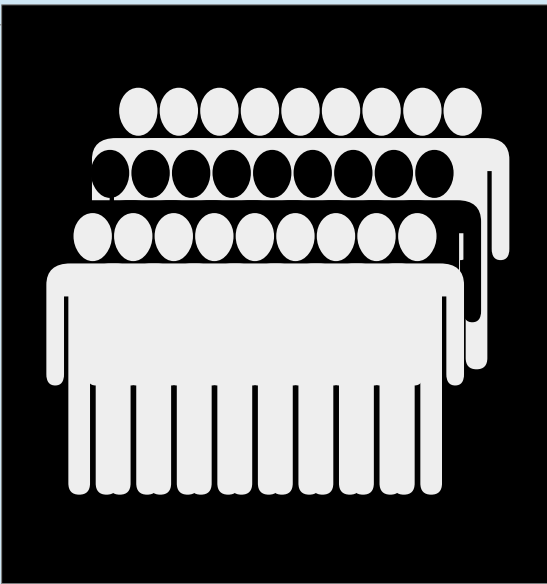
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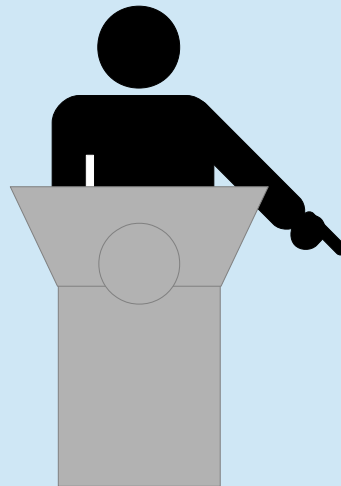
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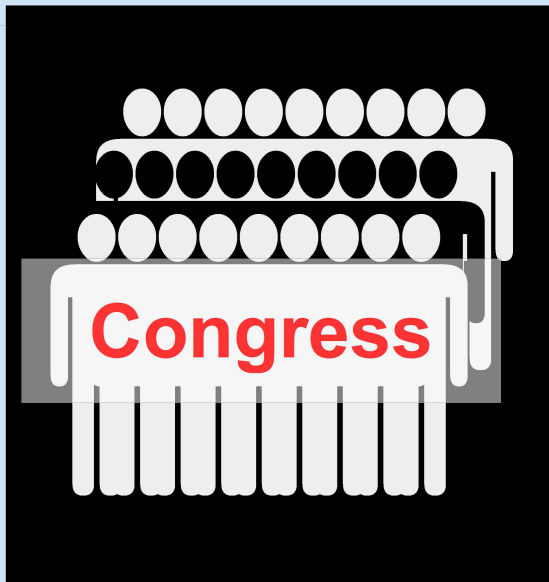
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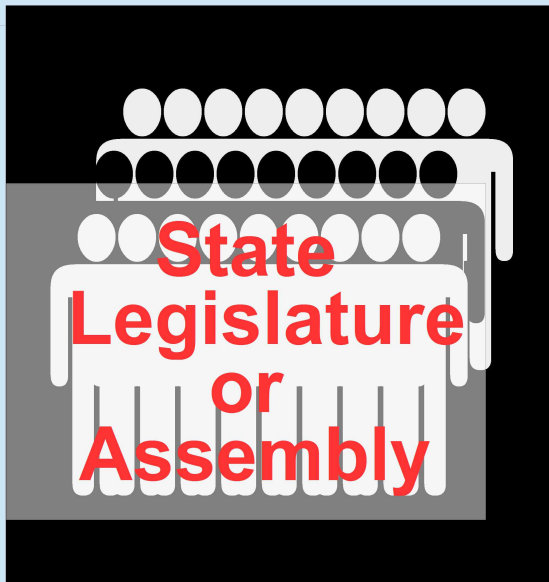
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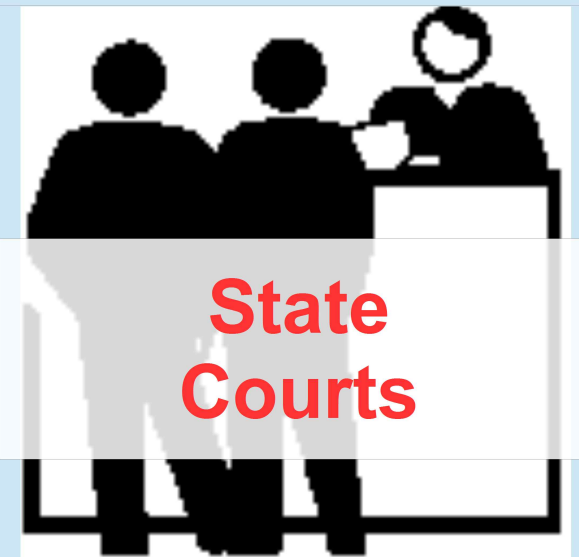
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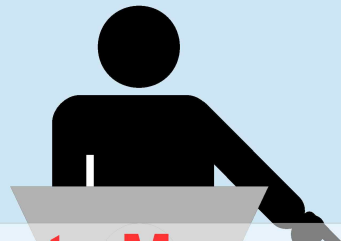
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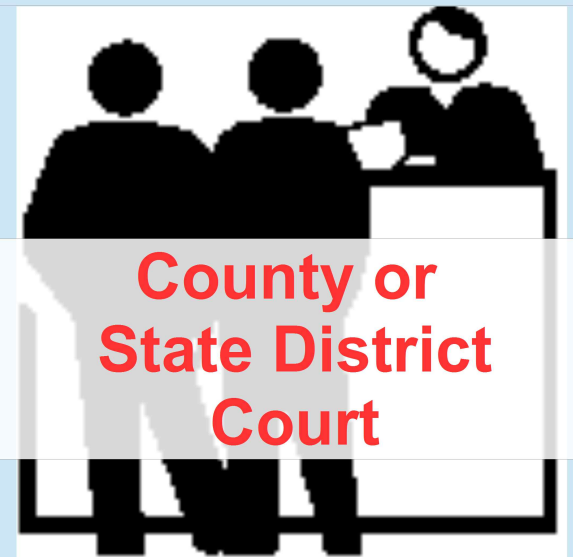


**County Manager
County Prosecutor
County Sheriff
& Administration**

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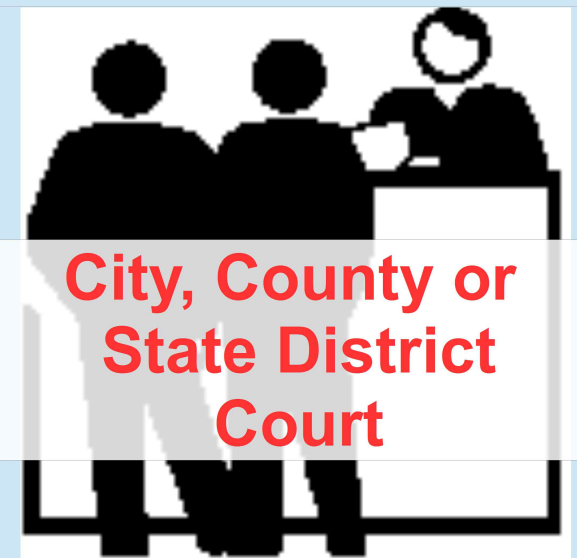
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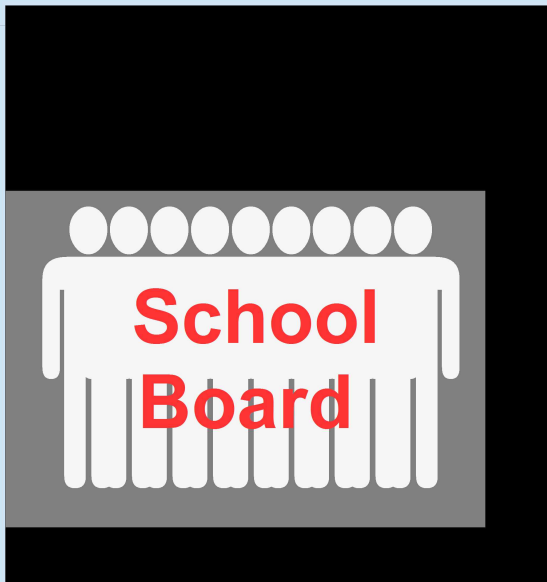
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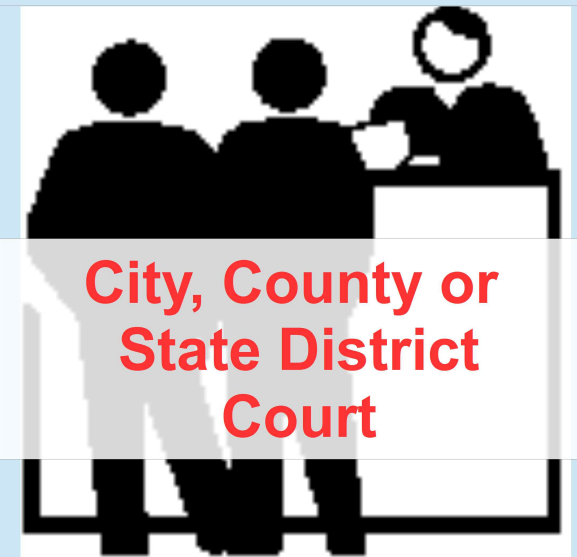
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STATE

LOCAL

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Congress	President & Administration	Federal Courts
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LOCAL		

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County Commission City Council School Board, etc.	City/County Manager Mayor Superintendent, etc.	Local Courts

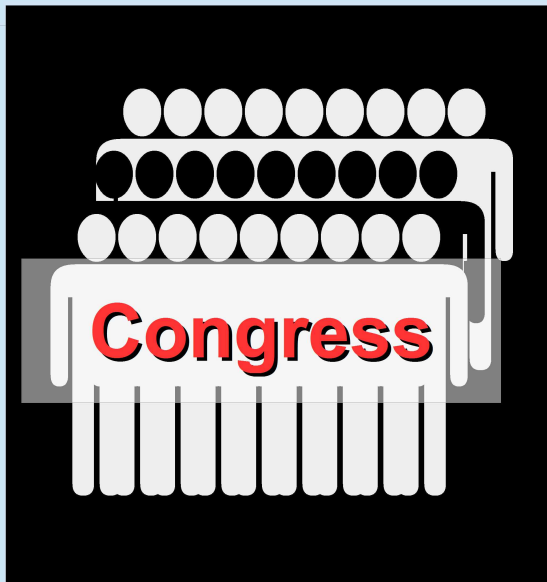
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Congress

Senate

Vice Pres.

100

**House
of
Representatives**

Speaker

435

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**President
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President

**Cabinet
Departments**

Other Agencies

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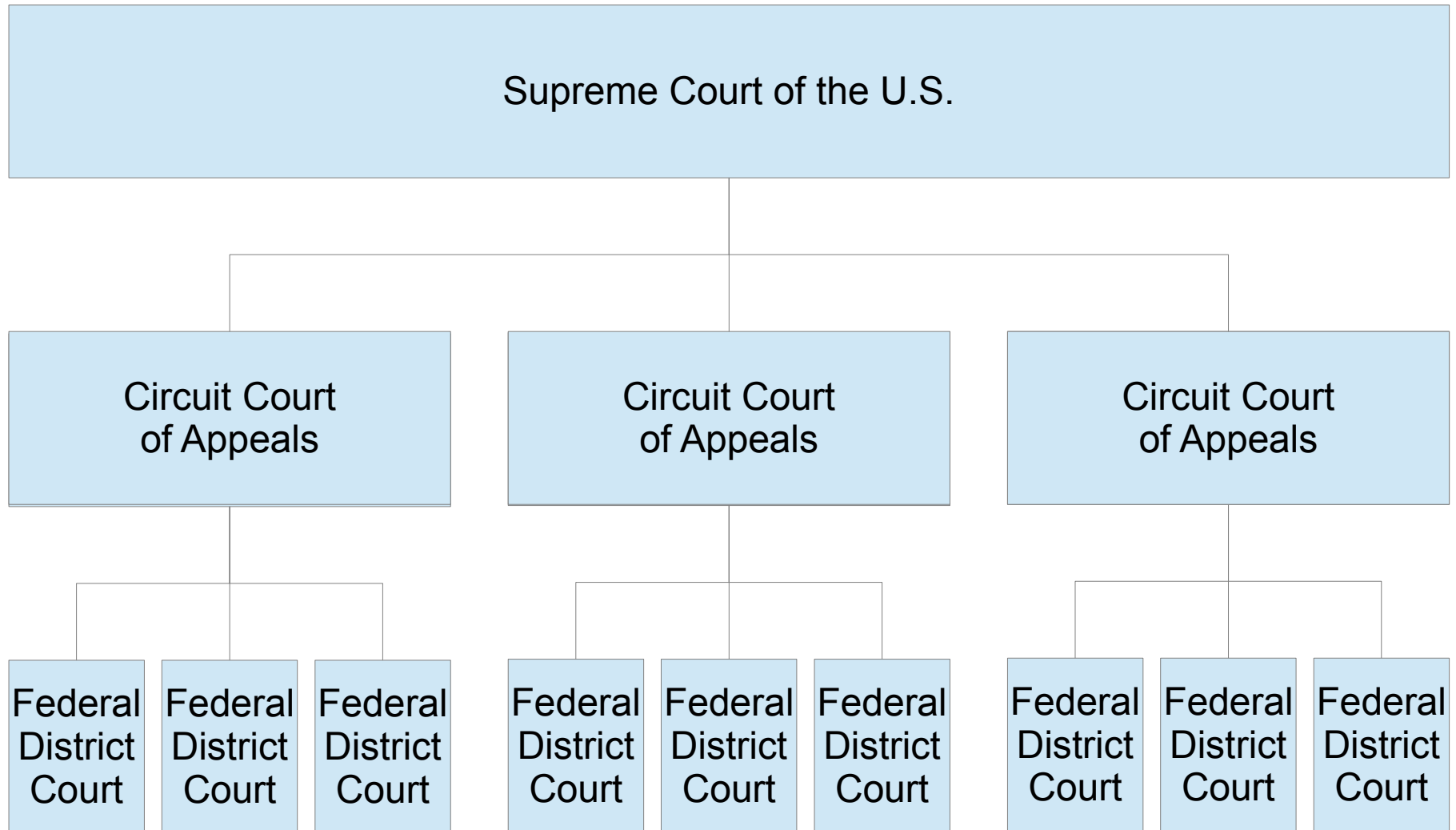
Federal Courts

Supreme Court

**Circuit Courts
of Appeals**

Federal District Courts

Federal Courts Structure: HEIRARCHY

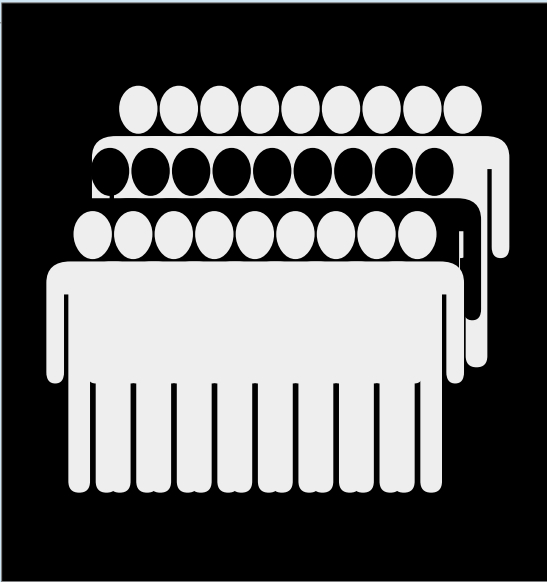


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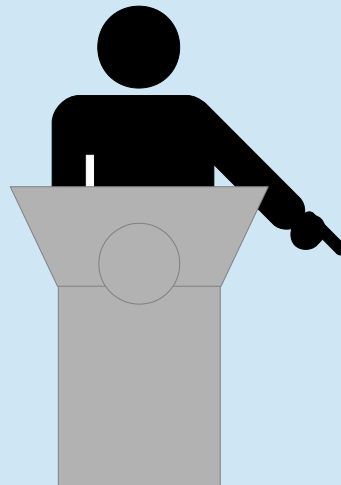
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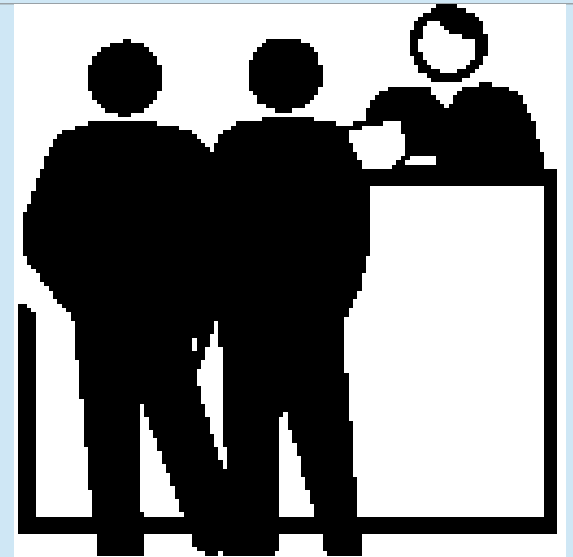
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REGULATIONS

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CASE LAW

Constitutional Amendments

- **Amendment Protocol**
 - **Congress Proposes**
 - **Congress Approves**
 - **State Legislatures Ratify**
 - **Becomes Law**

Constitutional Amendments

- **"BILL of RIGHTS"**
 - Personal freedoms & protections
 - **CIVIL WAR AMENDMENTS**
 - End of Slavery / Equal Protection
 - **MODERN AMENDMENTS**
 - Voting rights to Women & Young Adults
 - Presidential Term Limits & Succession
 - Limiting Government
 - Alcohol Prohibition.
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