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### **State and Federal Court Systems Quiz**

What determines whether a case enters through the state or federal court system?

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What are the higher courts referred to as?

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What defines the jurisdiction of each court?

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How many courts of last resort are there in each court system?

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Which state courts conduct some pretrial activities for more important ones?

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Which state courts can order a new trial?

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Which types of state courts are mostly organized at the town, municipal, or county levels?

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Which state courts have sentencing options restricted?

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Which state courts are controlled by state law?

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Which state courts review issues of law and fact appealed from the trial courts?

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Which state courts are courts of record?

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Which state courts review previous trials for procedural errors?

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Which state courts generally hear only minor cases?

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Which state courts hear appeals in the form of “trial de novo”?

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Which state courts can allow a defendant to go free or uphold an original verdict?

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Which type of state courts are referred to as misdemeanor courts?

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Which state courts conduct preliminary activities and trials for felonies?

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Which state courts do not try a case?

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Which state courts may have more than one judge?

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What are the highest state courts?

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At least how many federal districts does each state have?

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How many federal districts are there in the U.S.?

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What federal court must have four justices vote to hear a case?

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What federal court is also called the Circuit Court because its jurisdiction covers a large geographical area?

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What federal court has nine justices?

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What federal court reviews cases from the lower courts?

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What federal court hears about one hundred cases per year?

27. \_\_\_\_\_

What federal court hears cases involving constitutional issues?

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What federal court is the highest court in the land?

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What federal court is the primary trial court of the U.S. system?

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What federal court makes decisions that become precedents?

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What federal court is usually located in a major city?

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What federal court may choose what cases they hear?

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What federal court uses the writ of certiorari to get case records?

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What federal court issues majority, minority, and dissenting opinions?

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