WASHINGTON STATE COURT SYSTEM

SUPREME COURT

9 members

Discretionary appellate review of all lower courts
Final rule-making body for all state courts
Final authority on admission and discipline of attorneys
Final authority on discipline of judges

COURT OF APPEALS

Division 1 • Seattle
Division 2 • Tacoma
Division 3 • Spokane

Appeals from all lower courts

SUPERIOR COURTS

30 districts

Courts of general jurisdiction
Civil disputes • Criminal cases
Juvenile, family law matters
Orders for protection from domestic violence
Appellate review of lower courts and administrative boards

DISTRICT COURTS

Created by 39 counties

MUNICIPAL COURTS

Created by cities

Courts of limited jurisdiction • Civil disputes of less than $35,000*
Misdemeanor criminal cases • Traffic, non-traffic and parking infractions
Orders for protection from domestic violence
Preliminary hearings of felonies* • Small claims up to $2,500*

**District Courts only*