

NYS Courts

Readings

- [The Judicial System · GitBook](#)
- [NY Courts-Intro Guide.pdf](#)
- [COVID impact on NY courts still felt, two years later](#)
 - Cuomo's PAUSE order during pandemic
- [Civil Cases vs. Criminal Cases: Key Differences - FindLaw](#)
 - Civil - private parties. not living up to a contract
 - Damages - costs
 - Criminal - against government
 - Charges made in indictment for felonies or information for misdemeanor
 - DA for state crimes
 - U.S. Attorney's Office

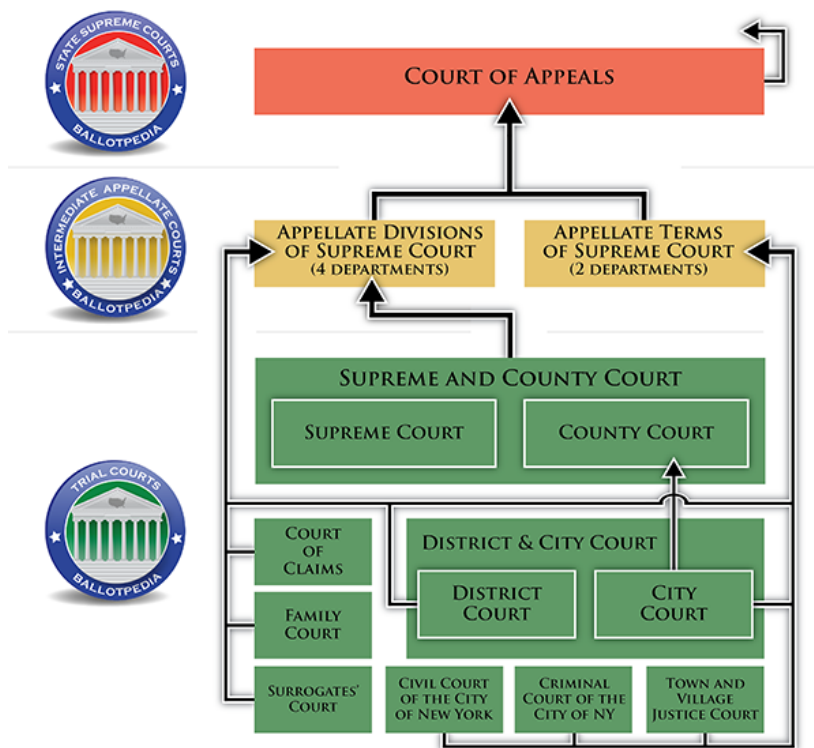
Notes

Courts in NYC are actually state courts.

- Organization
 - Court of Appeals (highest)
 - Only higher court is the U.S. Supreme Court
 - Appellate Courts (intermediate)
 - Trial Courts (lowest courts)

- Supreme court - handle any general issues with unlimited jurisdiction
 - Court of Claims - claims against NYC
 - claim - demand for money to compensate damages
 - Family Court
 - Surrogate court - dead people (probate wills)
 - Probate - officially verify the validity of a will
 - NYC Criminal Court - misdemeanors <\$25k
 - NYC Civil Court
- Chief Judge is nominated by the governor
- Not enough funding so understaffed and backlogged
 - Funded by NYS government (legislature and governor)
- Misdemeanor - crimes punishable by fine or imprisonment less than 1 year
 Felony - imprisonment greater than 1 year
- Federalism
 - County courts conduct felonies
 - Village/Town courts conduct misdemeanors and initial arraignments

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NEW YORK: CURRENT STRUCTURE

