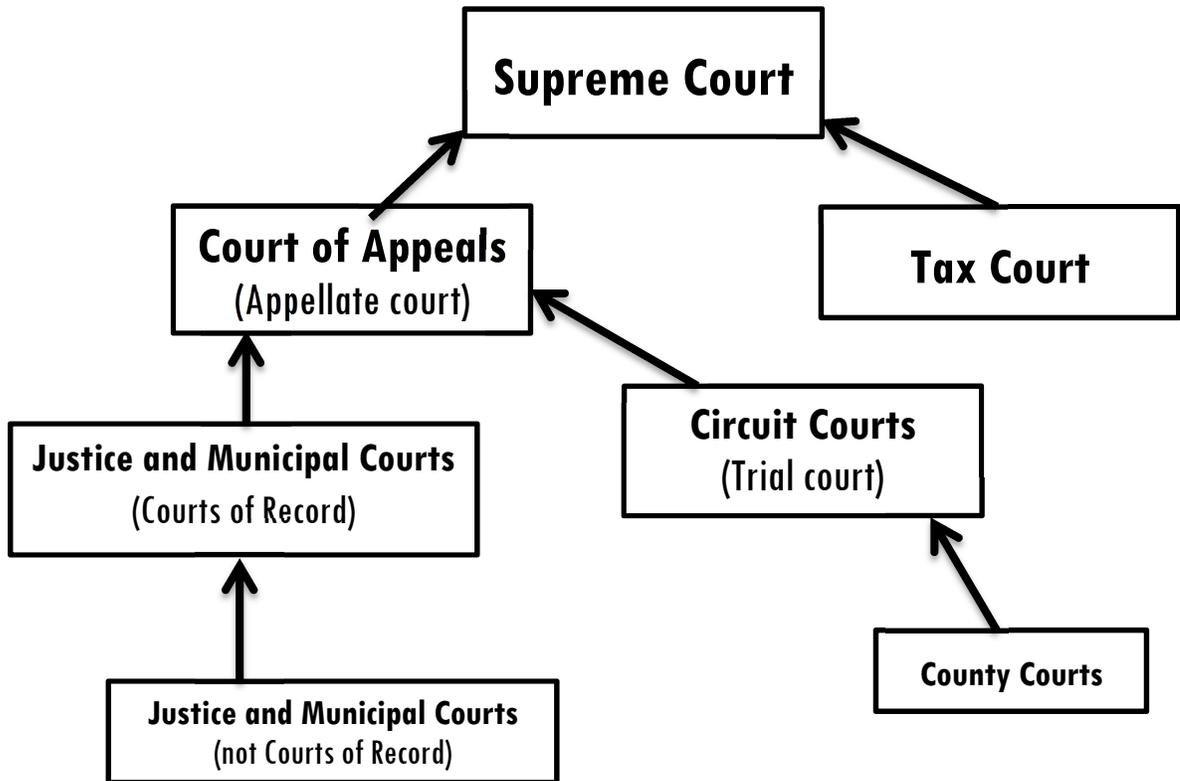


Oregon Judicial Branch



Supreme Court

The Oregon Supreme Court is the **final Oregon court of review**. It has **discretionary** appellate review over the decisions of the Court of Appeals. It also has **original jurisdiction over certain specialized proceedings**. The Chief of the Supreme Court is the administrative head of the Oregon Judicial Department.

Case Reporter citations:	Oregon Reports	303 Or. 484
	Pacific Reporter	738 P.2d 576

Court of Appeals

Created in 1969 the Court of Appeals has appellate jurisdiction over most civil and criminal cases as well as administrative agency decisions. The court has 13 judges and normally hears cases in 3 judge panels.

Case Reporter citations:	Oregon Reports, Court of Appeals	149 Or.App. 506
	Pacific Reporter	945 P.2d 595

Tax Court

The Oregon Tax Court has exclusive jurisdiction over **tax appeals in Oregon**. Most tax appeals start in the Tax Court Magistrate Division and can be appealed to the Tax Court Regular Division.

Oregon Tax Cases after 2015 are **published on the Tax Court's website**. From 1998 to 2015 the Tax court opinions were published online in the Oregon Tax Reporter. From 1962 – 2009 the Oregon Tax Court reporter was available in print.

Tax case citations: 1962 – 2015 **20 OTR 102**
 2015 – present: Tax Court Magistrate Division: **TC-MD 160240C**
 Tax Court Regular Division: **TC 4909**

Circuit Courts

Circuit Courts are the **trial courts** in Oregon with **jurisdiction over all types of criminal and civil cases**. The decisions of the circuit courts **do not carry precedential value and are not published**. The case files can be accessed online using the eCourt system or at the courthouse where the court sits.

Other Courts

Oregon also has a number of courts with **limited jurisdiction over certain types of cases**. Generally a litigant may appeal from these courts to the appropriate Circuit Court. **Some Municipal and Justice courts are also courts of record**. If the court is a court of record, the **litigants may appeal directly** to the Court of Appeals.

These Courts are **not part of the Oregon Judicial Department**. However OJD does maintain a list of Oregon Municipal and Justice Court: www.courts.oregon.gov/OJD/courts/OtherCourts/Pages/registry.aspx

Municipal Courts

These courts have jurisdiction over **violations or misdemeanors triable within the municipality**. Some municipal court's jurisdiction over certain misdemeanors is restricted by the city board.

Justice Courts

These courts have **criminal jurisdiction over all violations and misdemeanors within their county**. They also have jurisdiction over most **civil cases where damages do not exceed \$7,500**.

County Courts

County Courts were the historic governing body of Oregon counties. In some, the chair of the board of county commissioners retains the title County Judge. In 6 counties, the **County Judge retains judicial powers** and presides over **a county court**. In Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler counties, the judge retains juvenile and probate jurisdiction. In Grant, Harney and Malheur counties, the county court retains only probate jurisdiction.