

# N.C. Supreme Court

Raleigh, NC

Appellate Court

# N.C. Court of Appeals

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# Superior Court

courtrooms are located throughout NC

Trial Court

## Criminal (State of NC v. Defendant)

- All felonies
- Appeals from District Court
- Examples: murder; armed robbery; appeal of DWI conviction from District Court

## Civil

- Cases involving \$10,000 or more
- Examples: lawsuit for \$500,000 for a breach of contract; personal injury lawsuit for \$15,000; right-of-way dispute over land worth \$30,000

# District Court

courtrooms are located throughout NC

Trial Court

## Criminal (State of NC v. Defendant)

- All misdemeanors (except those attached to a felony incident); all juvenile cases
- Examples: DWI; larceny of less than \$1,000; simple assault

## Civil

- Cases involving less than \$10,000
- Divorce, custody, and child support cases

# Magistrate's Court

courtrooms are located throughout NC, often open 24 hours per day in more populated jurisdictions

## Criminal

- Determine probable cause for arrest & issue warrants
- Conduct driver license revocation hearings
- Grant bail in some cases

## Civil

- Serve as child support hearing officers
- Perform marriage ceremonies
- Hear small claims complaints
- Take depositions and affidavits before trial