

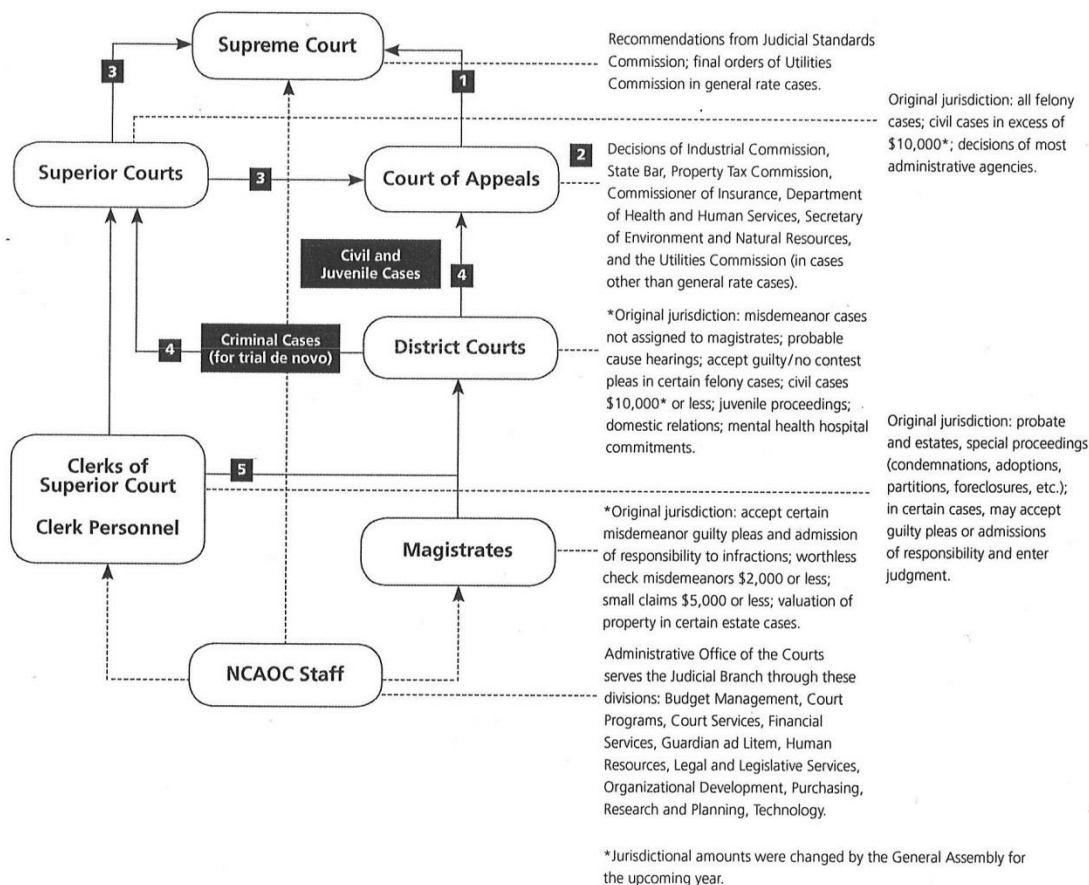
The Administrative Office of the Courts Overview Supplemental Materials

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COURT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND ROUTES OF APPEAL



1 Appeals from the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court are by right in certain cases involving constitutional questions, and cases in which there has been dissent in the Court of Appeals. In its discretion, the Supreme Court may review Court of Appeals decisions in cases of significant public interest or cases involving legal principles of major significance, and in cases in which the decision of the Court of Appeals appears to be in conflict with a decision of the Supreme Court.

2 Appeals from these agencies go directly to the Court of Appeals.

3 As a matter of right, appeals go directly to the Supreme Court in first degree capital murder cases in which the defendant has been sentenced to death, in Utilities Commission general rate cases, and in redistricting cases. In all other cases appeal as of right is to the Court of Appeals. In its discretion, the Supreme

Court may hear appeals directly from the trial courts in cases of significant public interest, in cases involving legal principles of major significance, where delay would cause substantial harm, or when the Court of Appeals docket is unusually full.

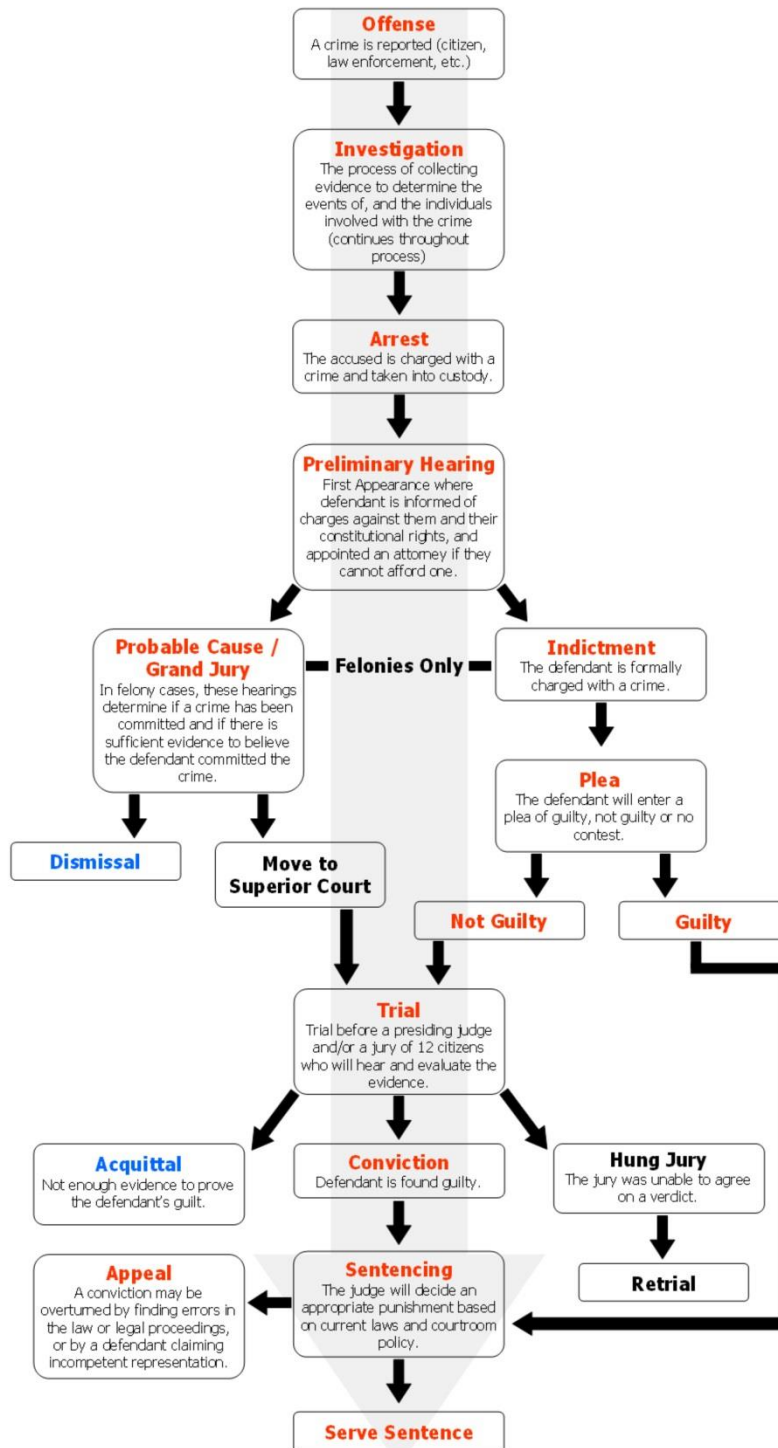
4 Criminal cases proceed to the superior court for trial de novo. Civil and juvenile cases proceed to the Court of Appeals.

5 Most appeals from judicial proceedings before the clerk are to the superior court. A few matters, such as adoptions, are appealed to the district court.

*The district and superior courts have concurrent original jurisdiction in civil actions (G.S. 7A-240). Currently, the district court division is the proper division for the trial of civil actions in which the amount in controversy is \$10,000 or less; and the superior court division for matters of \$10,000 or greater (G.S. 7A-243). Due to an amendment, from August 1, 2013, through June 30, 2015, either the district court or the superior court is the proper division for the trial of civil actions in which the amount in controversy is between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

Source: AOC

Criminal Court Process



Source: Conference of District Attorneys

**NC Problem Solving Courts
January 2015**

Type of Courts	Number of Courts	Number of Counties	Name of Counties	County/City Funding	Grant Funding	No Funding
Family Drug Treatment Court	8	8	Cumberland			5 courts
			Halifax			
			Lenoir			
			Orange			
			Wayne			
			Robeson	3 courts		
			Buncombe			
			Mecklenburg			
Adult Drug Treatment Court	18	14	Catawba			2 courts
			Brunswick(superior)			
			Pitt		Oct 1, 2012- Sept 30, 2015	
			Person	1 court		
			Wake (2)		Aug 1, 2013- Jul 31, 2016	
			Avery	2 courts		
			Buncombe (superior)			
			Cumberland	9 courts	July 1, 2014- Dec 31, 2015	
			Durham			
			Guilford (2)			
			Mecklenburg (3) (1superior, 2district)			
			New Hanover			
			Orange			
			Watauga			
Youth Drug Treatment Court	4	3	Mecklenburg	3 courts		
			Guilford (2)			
			Forsyth		Oct 1 2012- Sept 30, 2016	
DWI Courts	7	7	New Hanover	1 court		
			Buncombe		Oct 1, 2014- Sept 30, 2015	
			Union	2 courts		
			Brunswick			
			Cumberland		Oct 1, 2014- Sept 30, 2015	
			Mecklenburg (2)	2 courts		
Mental Health Courts	6	5	Orange	6 courts		
			Brunswick			
			Guilford (2)			
			Mecklenburg			
			Forsyth			
Veterans Treatment Courts	2	1	Harnett		Oct 1, 2014- Sept 30, 2015	
		1	Cumberland		Oct 1, 2014- Sept 30, 2015	
Total Drug Treatment Courts	30	25				
All Problem Solving Courts	45	38				

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