

## The Missouri Judicial Branch

### I. Organization

- Lowest: Circuit Court
- Middle: Court of Appeals
- Highest: Missouri Supreme Court

### II. Circuit Court

#### A. Duty

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### III. Court of Appeals

#### A. Duty

- Appellate jurisdiction: Hears cases on appeal from the Circuit Court
- Determines whether any error of law took place in the original trial

### IV. Missouri Supreme Court

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- States highest court

#### B. Qualifications

- 30 years old
- United States citizen for 15 years
- Licensed to practice law in MO

#### C. Term

- 12 years
- No term limit

## V. Judicial Vocabulary

## A. Double jeopardy

- Charging a person with the same crime twice
- This practice is outlawed in MO

## B. Due process of law

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- Process must take place before the government can take away life, liberty, or property

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- The right of the accused to know the charges against him/her
- This right can NEVER be suspended

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## Judicial:

1. What is the middle court in MO?
2. What are the qualifications to be a MO Supreme Court justice?
3. What is it called when a person is charged with the same crime twice?
4. What is original jurisdiction?
5. What is the highest court in MO?
6. What is the term for a Supreme Court justice in MO?
7. What is the lowest court in MO?
8. What is the duty of the Supreme Court in MO?
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14. What is an *ex post facto* law?

Define:

1. Accuse: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Citizen: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Determine: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Initial: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Jurisdiction: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Practice: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Qualify: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Appeal: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Jeopardy: \_\_\_\_\_
11. Licensed: \_\_\_\_\_
12. Court: \_\_\_\_\_
13. Punish: \_\_\_\_\_
14. Supreme: \_\_\_\_\_
15. Defend: \_\_\_\_\_
16. Judgment: \_\_\_\_\_
17. Docket: \_\_\_\_\_
18. Judicial: \_\_\_\_\_
19. Organize: \_\_\_\_\_
20. Bailiff: \_\_\_\_\_