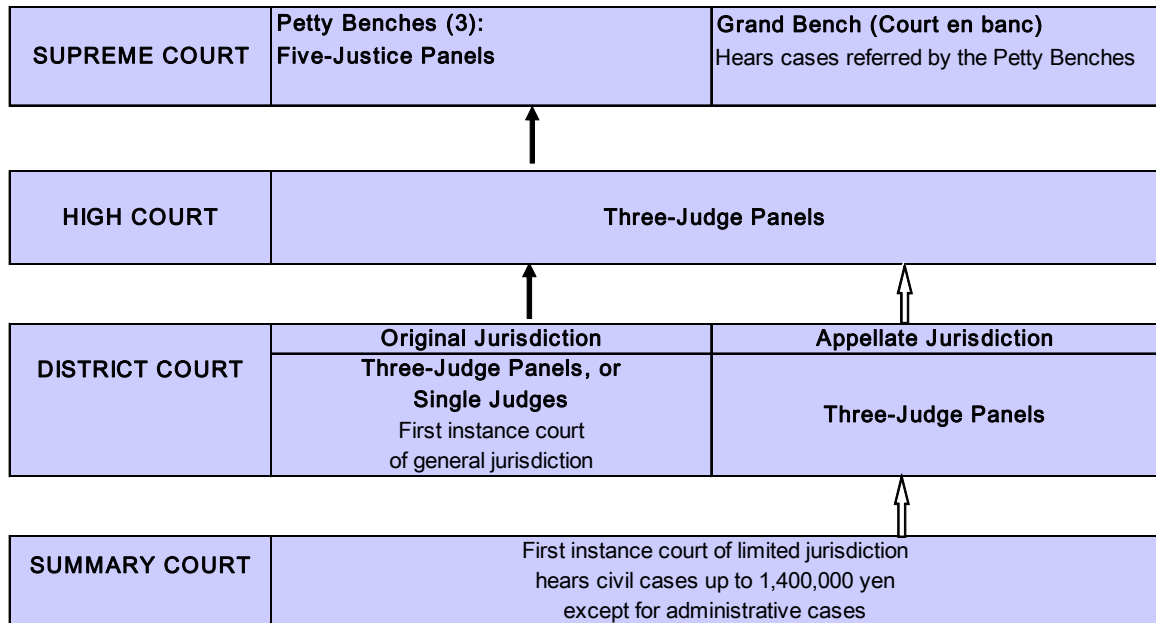


## Jurisdiction and Procedure of Civil Cases



Note:

- 1) Civil cases include administrative cases, and the district court has original jurisdiction over most administrative cases.
- 2) Where both parties agree, a direct appeal may be filed against a judgment of the summary court to the high court or against a judgment of the district court to the Supreme Court.
- 3) The high court has original jurisdiction over some special cases, such as cases related to elections and cases to revoke decisions made by the Japan Marine Accident Tribunal.
- 4) The Intellectual Property High Court, established as of April 1, 2005, within the Tokyo High Court as a special branch, hears exclusively suits against appeal/trial decisions made by the Japan Patent Office, as the court of first instance. See its website (<http://www.ip.courts.go.jp>). The website also shows its jurisdiction over intellectual property cases.