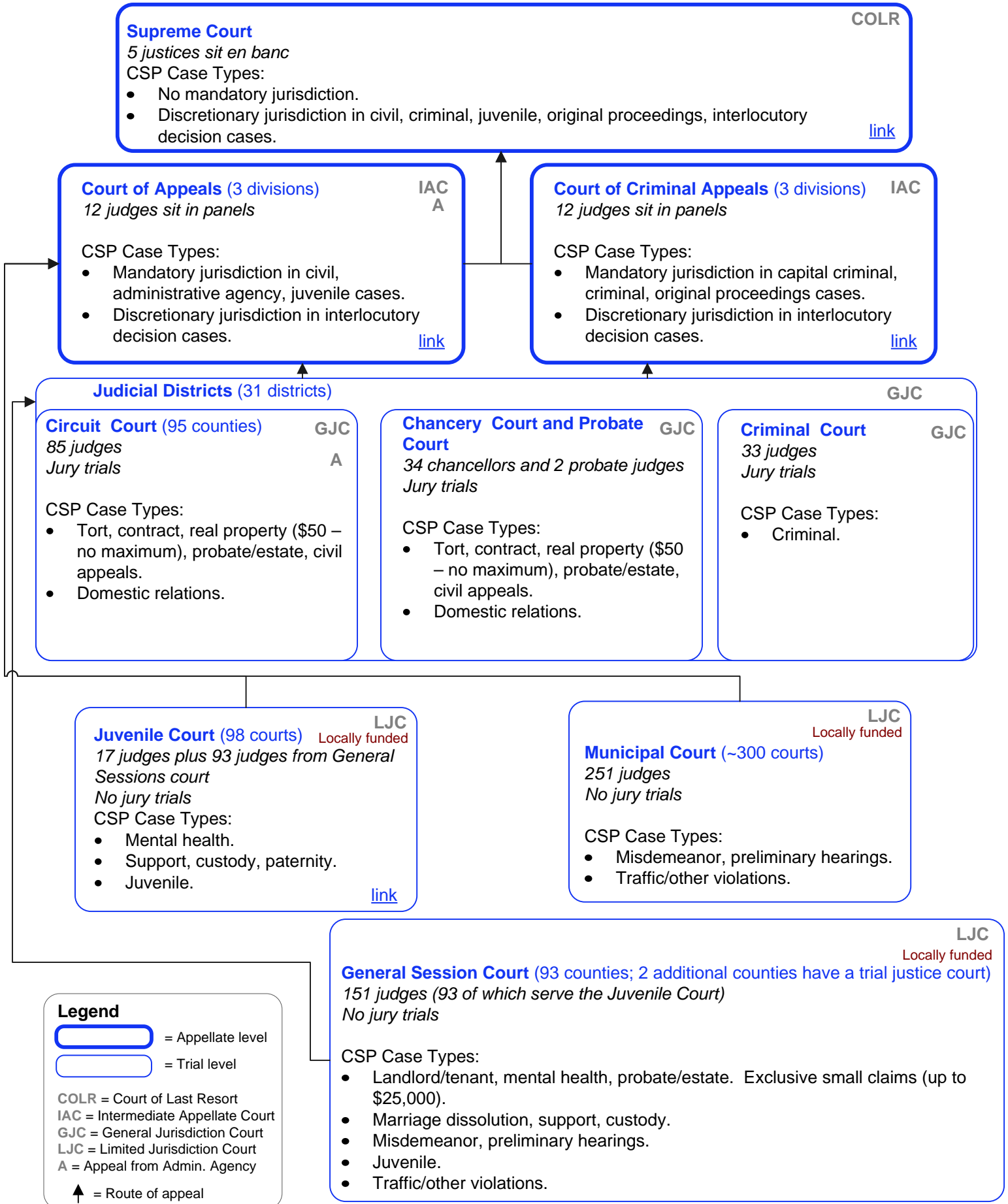


Tennessee

(Court structure as of Fiscal Year 2007)



Supreme Court

COLR

5 justices sit en banc

CSP Case Types:

- No mandatory jurisdiction.
- Discretionary jurisdiction in civil, criminal, juvenile, original proceedings, interlocutory decision cases.

[link](#)

Court of Appeals (3 divisions)

IAC
A

12 judges sit in panels

CSP Case Types:

- Mandatory jurisdiction in civil, administrative agency, juvenile cases.
- Discretionary jurisdiction in interlocutory decision cases.

[link](#)

Court of Criminal Appeals (3 divisions)

IAC

12 judges sit in panels

CSP Case Types:

- Mandatory jurisdiction in capital criminal, criminal, original proceedings cases.
- Discretionary jurisdiction in interlocutory decision cases.

[link](#)

Judicial Districts (31 districts)

GJC

Circuit Court (95 counties)

GJC

85 judges

Jury trials

A

CSP Case Types:

- Tort, contract, real property (\$50 – no maximum), probate/estate, civil appeals.
- Domestic relations.

Chancery Court and Probate Court

GJC

34 chancellors and 2 probate judges

Jury trials

CSP Case Types:

- Tort, contract, real property (\$50 – no maximum), probate/estate, civil appeals.
- Domestic relations.

Criminal Court

GJC

33 judges

Jury trials

CSP Case Types:

- Criminal.

Juvenile Court (98 courts)

LJC

Locally funded

17 judges plus 93 judges from General Sessions court

No jury trials

CSP Case Types:

- Mental health.
- Support, custody, paternity.
- Juvenile.

[link](#)

Municipal Court (~300 courts)

LJC

Locally funded

251 judges

No jury trials

CSP Case Types:

- Misdemeanor, preliminary hearings.
- Traffic/other violations.

Legend

 = Appellate level

 = Trial level

COLR = Court of Last Resort

IAC = Intermediate Appellate Court

GJC = General Jurisdiction Court

LJC = Limited Jurisdiction Court

A = Appeal from Admin. Agency

↑ = Route of appeal

General Session Court (93 counties; 2 additional counties have a trial justice court)

LJC

Locally funded

151 judges (93 of which serve the Juvenile Court)

No jury trials

CSP Case Types:

- Landlord/tenant, mental health, probate/estate. Exclusive small claims (up to \$25,000).
- Marriage dissolution, support, custody.
- Misdemeanor, preliminary hearings.
- Juvenile.
- Traffic/other violations.