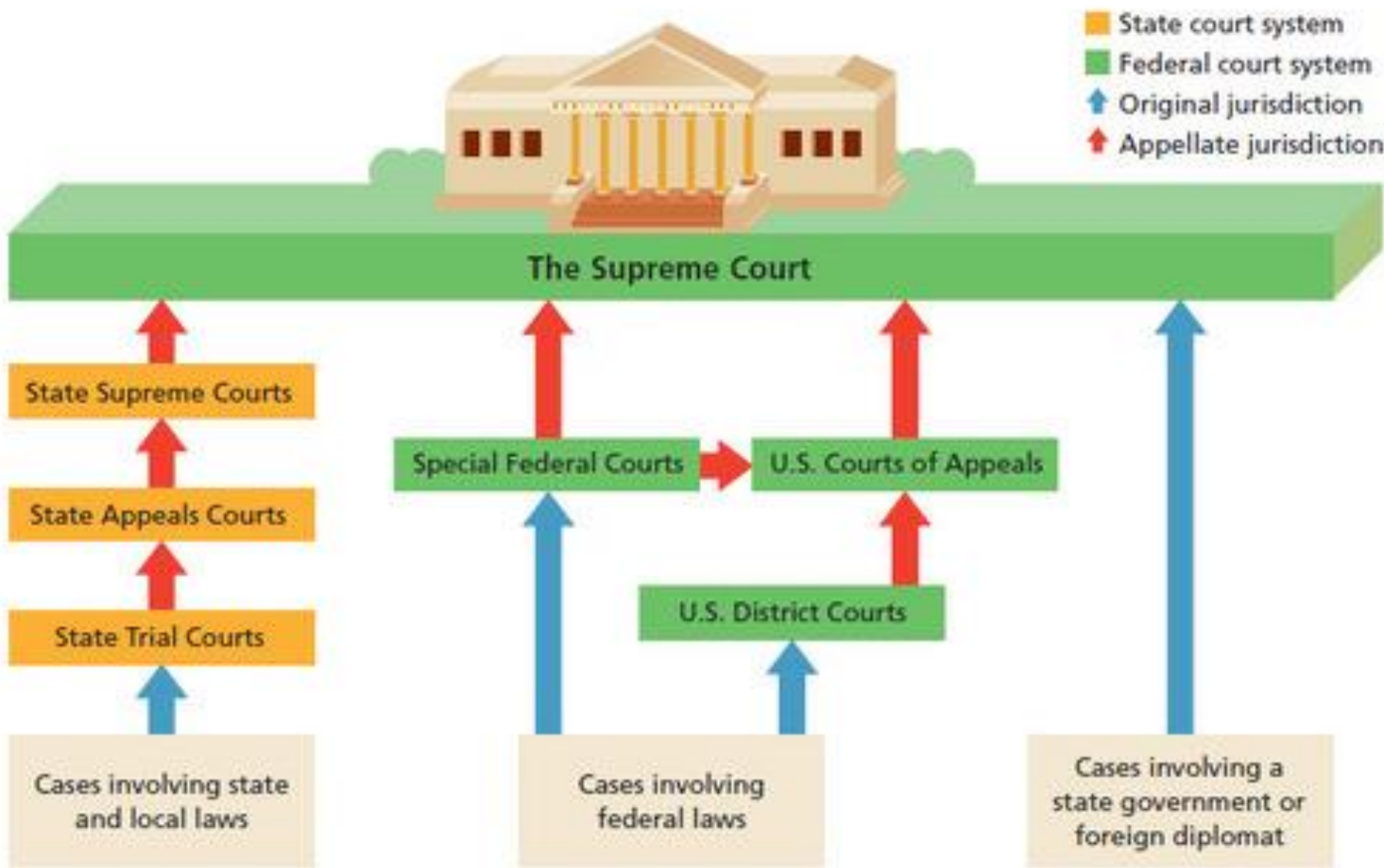


Cases Involving the Federal Court System





Federal Law Enforcement Agencies

- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI): protect and defend the U.S. against terrorist and foreign intelligence threats, to uphold and enforce criminal laws, provide leadership and criminal justice services to federal, state, municipal, and international agencies and partners
- U.S. Secret Service: provides protection for public officials and investigates counterfeit money and financial crimes



OUR MISSION PRIORITIES:

1. Protect the U.S. from terrorist attack
2. Protect the U.S. against foreign intelligence, espionage, and cyber operations
3. Combat significant cyber criminal activity
4. Combat public corruption at all levels
5. Protect civil rights
6. Combat transnational criminal enterprises
7. Combat significant white-collar crime
8. Combat significant violent crime

OUR CORE VALUES:
Respect • Integrity • Accountability
Leadership • Diversity • Compassion
Fairness • Rigorous Obedience
to the Constitution

OUR MISSION:
Protect the American People and Uphold
the Constitution of the United States

OUR VISION:
AHEAD OF THE THREAT

PEOPLE

- Promote a Culture of Deterrence and Resilience
- Assemble, Develop, and Retain
- Cultivate Diversity, Leadership and Mentorship
- Recruit for the Future

PARTNERSHIPS

- Integrate Meaningful Partnerships
- Improve Information Sharing
- Increase Community Engagement

PROCESS

- Strengthen Confidence and Trust
- Enhance Rigor and Accountability
- Align Resources to Priorities

INNOVATION

- Foster Innovation and Creativity
- Enhance Data Capabilities and Digital Experience
- Promote User-Centric Technology



Cases Involving the U.S. Constitution

-Example

If a person believes a constitutional right has been violated that person has the right to be heard in a federal court

(e.g. – Freedom of Speech)

Federal, State -- or Both

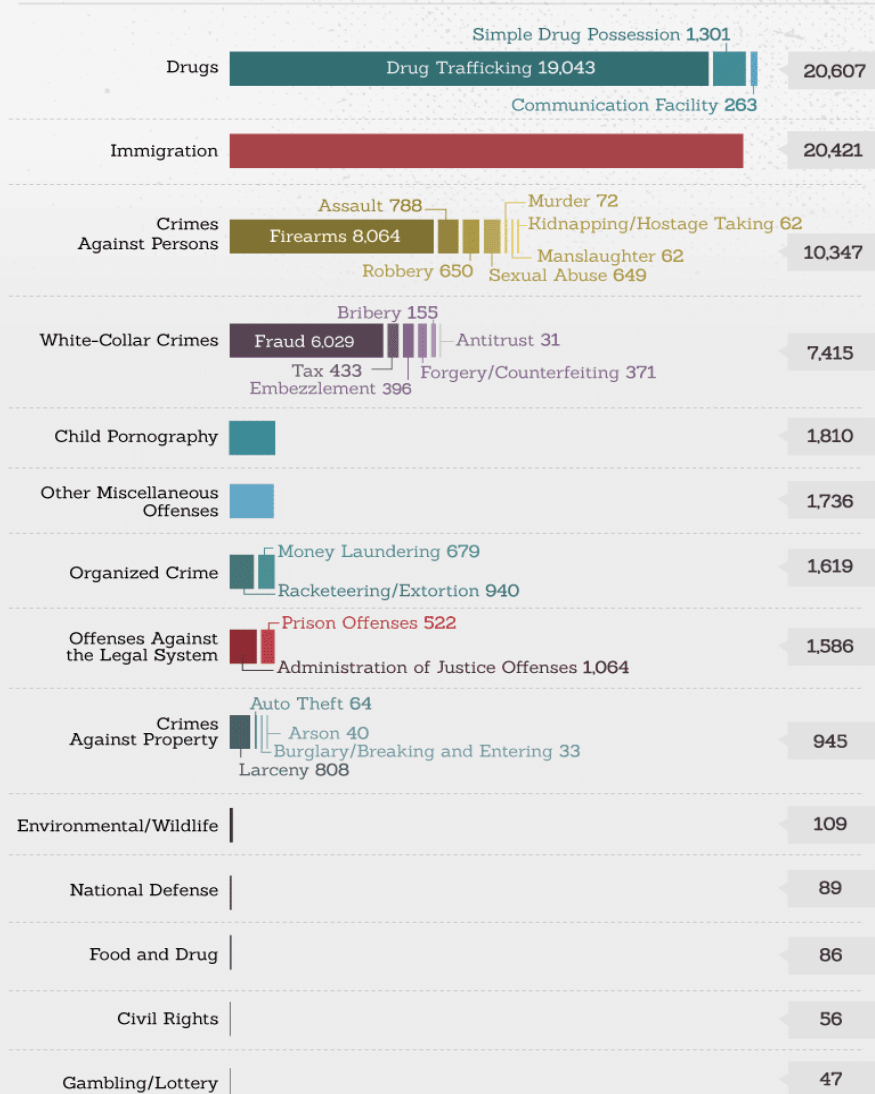
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Cases Involving Federal Law

Number of Offenders Sentenced for Federal Crimes in the U.S.

By Primary Offense



-Example

Federal/National Courts try people accused of federal crimes such as kidnapping, tax evasion, and counterfeiting

They will also hear civil cases involving federal/national laws

Cases Involving Maritime Laws

These laws concern crimes and accidents outside of territorial waters

-Example

A case involving disagreement over the rights of property recovered from a shipwreck



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-Example

-The U.S. government could take a company to court for failing to live up to a contract to deliver supplies to a government agency or department

-You as an individual could also sue the government if you feel they have wronged you in some way

-There are also limits to when the government can be brought to suit

Cases Involving Controversies Between States

-Example

If Colorado and California disagree over rights to water regarding the Colorado River

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Disputes Between Citizens of Different States

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-Example

Ms. Jones of Maine may bring suit in a federal court against Mr. Smith of Iowa for not fulfilling his part of a business agreement

Disputes Involving Different Governments (Foreign Governments & Treaties)

-Example

Any dispute between a foreign government and the U.S. government, an American company, or an American citizen

-Issues involving treaties made under the authority of the U.S.



Cases Involving U.S. Officials in Foreign Nations (U.S. Diplomats)



-Example

-An American diplomat working in the U.S. embassy in France is accused of breaking an American law

-Cases involving ambassadors and other high-ranking public figures