The structure of the courts

UK Supreme Court

Appeal only, on points of law

Justices of the Supreme Court

Court of Appeal

Appeal only, on points of law to either the Criminal or Civil Divisions:

Lord Chief Justice, Heads of Division and Court of Appeal Judges

High Court

Chancery, Queen's Bench and Family Divisions. All three divisions hear appeals from other courts, as well as "first instance" cases.

High Court and Deputy High Court Judges

Crown Court

Jury trial for all indictable and some either-way criminal offences. Appeals against conviction and sentence from the magistrates' court.

Circuit judges, Recorders and juries

County Court

Trial for most civil cases.

Circuit judges, Recorders, District Judges, Deputy District Judges

Magistrates' Court

Trial for most criminal offences. Some civil and family matters.

Magistrates, District Judges (Magistrates' Courts), Deputy DJ (MC)s

Employment Appeal Tribunal

Appeals from the Employment Tribunals

Employment Appeal Judges and members

Employment Tribunal (England &Wales; Scotland)

Claims about matters to do with employment

Employment Judges and members

Upper Tribunal

Appeals from the First-tier Tribunal

Upper Tribunal Judges

First-tier

Appeals from executive agency decisions.

Tribunal judges and members

There are a number of other tribunals outside of this structure (for example, School Exclusion Panels) - their supporting legislation explains their individual appeal routes.