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The Supreme Court considers an appeal of a lower court decision.

The presiding officer of the Ohio and West Virginia Supreme Court is the Chief Justice.

Justices of the Ohio Supreme Court are elected by the people to 6 year terms.

Justices of the West Virginia Supreme Court are elected by the people to 12 year terms.

Decisions of the Supreme Court are a majority vote of the Justices. These decisions are the final word.

A case appealed to the Supreme Court is an appeal only on errors claimed to have occurred in the local trial. It is NOT a retrial of the local trial.

Ohio's Supreme Court has seven justices including the Chief Justice.

West Virginia's Supreme Court has five justices including the Chief Justice.

The authority of the Supreme Court comes from the individual state's Constitution.

The appellant is appealing the decision of a lower court.

The appellee is supporting the decision of the lower court.

The Brief summarizes the validity or lack of validity of the lower court's decision.

An Assignment of Errors lists the mistake(s) that either the Judge or Jury made in lower court decision.

Arguments made in an appeal describe laws or precedent cases that support the argument.

The concluding presentation to the Supreme Court summarizes arguments in the appeal and a conclusion the Supreme Court should reach.