

JURISDICTION OF THE MAIN CIVIL COURTS

EUROPEAN COURT OF JUSTICE

Hears applications for preliminary rulings on matters of European Union law from any court in the UK.

HOUSE OF LORDS

Hears appeals from the Court of Appeal and High Court.

COURT OF APPEAL (Civil Division)

Hears appeals from the High Court and county courts.

HIGH COURT		
Queen's Bench Division	Family Division	Chancery Division
Hears contract and tort cases. There are financial limits for most types of cases. The Divisional Court hears applications for Judicial Review. Also contains a Commercial Court and an Admiralty Court.	Hears cases involving marriage, divorce, children and family property. Divisional Court hears appeals from county courts and the magistrates' courts.	Hears cases involving land, mortgages, trusts, bankruptcy, partnerships, deeds, disputed wills, intellectual property and company law. Divisional Court hears appeals from county courts for insolvency and land registration cases.

COUNTY COURTS

Hear contract and tort cases (financial limits).
Small claims arbitration.
Other jurisdiction includes: land cases, insolvency, divorce, wardship issues, domestic violence, and non-employment related race and sex discrimination cases.

FAMILY PROCEEDINGS COURT (Magistrates' Court)

Adoption proceedings, residence and contact with children, financial provision and matrimonial violence.

TRIBUNALS

Certain cases dealt with informally.