



What Is Original Jurisdiction? - Quiz

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Q1. What are the two primary types of courts in the United States legal system?

- A. Federal and state courts
- B. Civil and criminal courts
- C. Local and municipal courts
- D. Trial and appellate courts

Q2. What does 'original jurisdiction' mean?

- A. The authority to hear a case without it first going through another court
- B. The authority to hear appeals from lower courts
- C. The authority to enforce laws directly
- D. The authority to appoint special masters

Q3. Which article of the U.S. Constitution stipulates the Supreme Court's original jurisdiction?

- A. Article I
- B. Article II
- C. Article III
- D. Article IV

Q4. In which types of cases does the Supreme Court typically exercise original jurisdiction?

- A. Cases involving disputes between two or more states
- B. Cases involving minor traffic violations
- C. Cases involving local business disputes
- D. Cases involving federal tax issues

Q5. What is the role of a special master in the Supreme Court?

- A. To hear arguments and gather facts and evidence
- B. To enforce court decisions
- C. To represent one of the parties in the case
- D. To draft new laws based on the case

Q6. Which of the following cases would NOT fall under the Supreme Court's original jurisdiction?

- A. A dispute between two citizens of the same state
- B. A controversy between two or more states
- C. A case involving ambassadors
- D. A dispute between the United States and a state

Q7. What must be filed to bring a state-versus-state case before the Supreme Court?

- A. A bill of complaint
- B. A writ of certiorari
- C. A motion to dismiss
- D. An affidavit

Q8. Why are cases involving diplomats automatically sent to the Supreme Court?

- A. To avoid potential conflicts of interest with multiple courts
- B. Because diplomats are exempt from state laws
- C. Because the Supreme Court has faster procedures
- D. Because diplomats can only be tried in federal courts

Q9. What is appellate jurisdiction?

- A. The authority to hear appeals from lower courts
- B. The authority to hear cases first
- C. The authority to appoint judges
- D. The authority to enforce laws

Q10. Which of the following is an example of a case that might involve original jurisdiction?

- A. A boundary dispute between two states
- B. A divorce case between two citizens
- C. A local criminal trial
- D. A small claims court case

Answer Key

1. Q1: A
2. Q2: A
3. Q3: C
4. Q4: A
5. Q5: A
6. Q6: A
7. Q7: A
8. Q8: A
9. Q9: A
10. Q10: A