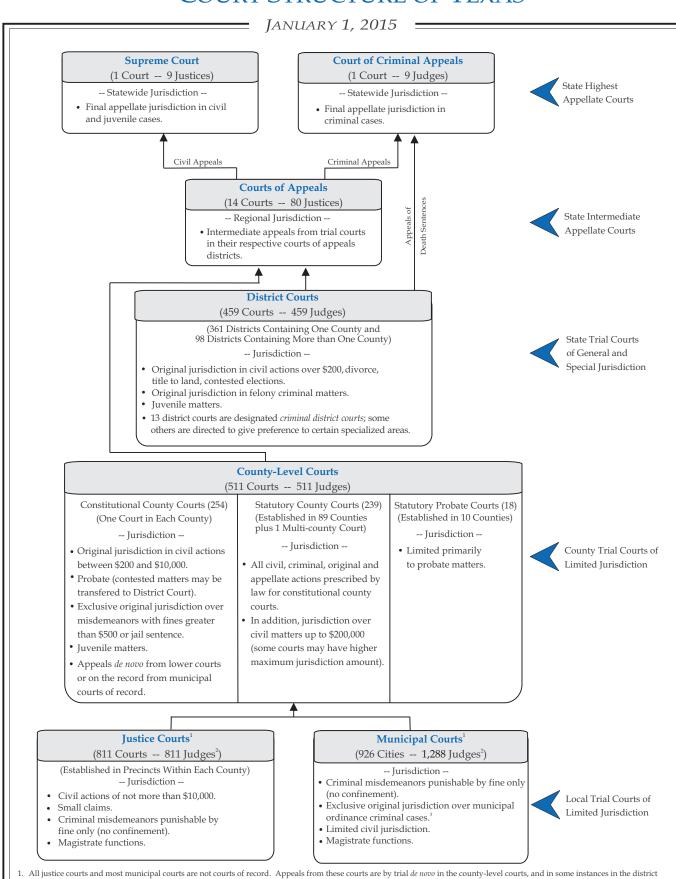
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- All justice courts and most municipal courts are not courts of record. Appeals from these courts are by trial de novo in the county-level courts, and in some instances in the distric courts. Some municipal courts are courts of record—appeals from those courts are taken on the record to the county-level courts. As of March 2014, 158 courts indicated that they were a court of record.
- 2. Some justices of the peace also serve as a judge in one or more municipal courts. Municipal judges may also serve in multiple courts.
- 3. An offense that arises under a municipal ordinance is punishable by a fine not to exceed: (1) \$2,000 for ordinances that govern fire safety, zoning, and public health or (2) \$500 for all others.