The Judicial Branch

The National Judiciary

\*Creation of the Nat’l Judiciary -

Article III, Dual Courts, 2 Fed. Courts (Constitutional & Special)

Appointments, terms and Pay

President appoints with Senate ok

Appointed for life or until they resign, retire or die

Can be impeached

Some judges are not there for life – Claims Court, Military Appeals, Veterans (15), Tax (12), Territorial (10)

Congress sets the salaries of all federal judges, retirement

Court Officers – clerks, magistrate, bankruptcy judge, US attorney, US Marshal

Inferior Courts & Supreme Court

Inferior Courts:

District Courts –

Courts of Appeals –

International Trade –

Courts of Appeals of the Federal Circuit –

Supreme Court:

Judicial Review –

Jurisdiction –

How Cases Reach the Court:

1. rule of four

2. Writ of Certiorari –

3. Certificate

Supreme Court at Work:

1. Briefs

2. Oral Arguments

3. Solicitor General

4. Conference

5. Opinions – majority, concurring and dissenting

Special Courts

U.S. Federal Claims Court -

Territorial Courts –

Courts of the District of Columbia –

Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces –

Court of Veterans Appeals –

US Tax Court -