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 -