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 AP Gov Review Video #36: The Structure of the Judicial System

Big Idea Questions	Guided Notes	Areas of Concern
<p>What is a Federal Regulatory Agency? (Video #34 for reference)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3 Major Courts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Courts • Courts of Appeals • Supreme Court <p style="text-align: center;">District Courts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 94 - including territories; 89 in the 50 states; 1 for D.C.; 1 for Puerto Rico <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ At least one per _____ • Each court has an attorney appointed by the _____ - confirmed by Senate • MOST _____ cases are heard here - roughly _____% • These are courts of _____ - no appeals • Most cases end in plea deals <p style="text-align: center;">Courts of Appeals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 District Courts - 1 in D.C. • 1 court for at least 2 states • _____ judges hear cases • Review cases from District Courts • Can review orders and decisions of Federal Regulatory Agencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ _____ (FTC) ○ Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) • No trials or _____ - reviewing decisions by District Courts <p style="text-align: center;">The Supreme Court – One’s Last Hope For Appeal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most cases NEVER make it here <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ About _____/year • They decide which cases to hear <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ _____: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4 judges agree? Your case is heard! • Interpret Constitution and how it applies to laws • Judicial Review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Most significant power ○ Established in _____ ○ Court can declare a law unconstitutional • 8 Associate Justices, 1 Chief Justice • Justices are nominated by the President, approved by Senate • Can hear cases from _____ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Usually only after states’ appeal process is exhausted 	

- Presidents' legacies can be cemented through Supreme Court nominees

Test Tips

- **Multiple-Choice**

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- **Free Response:**

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