

ANSWER KEY!! 😊

Structure of the Courts

Did You Get It?

1. To which court will an appeal from a judgment in Tioga County's County Court be taken?
2. To which court will an appeal from a judgment in Nassau County's County Court be taken?
3. To which court will an appeal from a judgment in the Bronx County's County Court be taken?
4. What is the name of New York's supreme court?
5. Look up the name of the supreme courts in some other states.
6. Look up the names of the main trial courts in other states.
7. Which courts in New York have trial and appellate jurisdiction?

An excellent source of information about the structure of the New York courts may be found at the Unified Courts System's own website:
<http://www.courts.state.ny.us/courts/>

Country Courts in the 3d and 4th Departments have both trial and appellate jurisdiction.
 Otherwise there are many courts with just trial jurisdiction, and many courts with just appellate jurisdiction! (The question is confusing. 😊)

The Appellate Division hears appeals from ALL County Courts 5000....

1. An appeal of a judgment in Tioga County's County Court will be taken to Appellate Division, Third Department.

2. ... Nassau County's County Court → Appellate Div., Second Dept.

3. ... Bronx County's County Court

↳ Appellate Division, First Department.

4. New York's supreme [highest appellate] court is called the New York Court of Appeals.

5. There are many examples! The supreme [highest appellate] court in New Jersey is New Jersey Supreme Court. In Massachusetts, it is Supreme Judicial Court. In West Virginia, it is Supreme Court of Appeals.

6. Also many examples! The main trial court in California is Superior Court; in Florida, it is the Circuit Court; in Hawaii, it is also the Circuit Court.