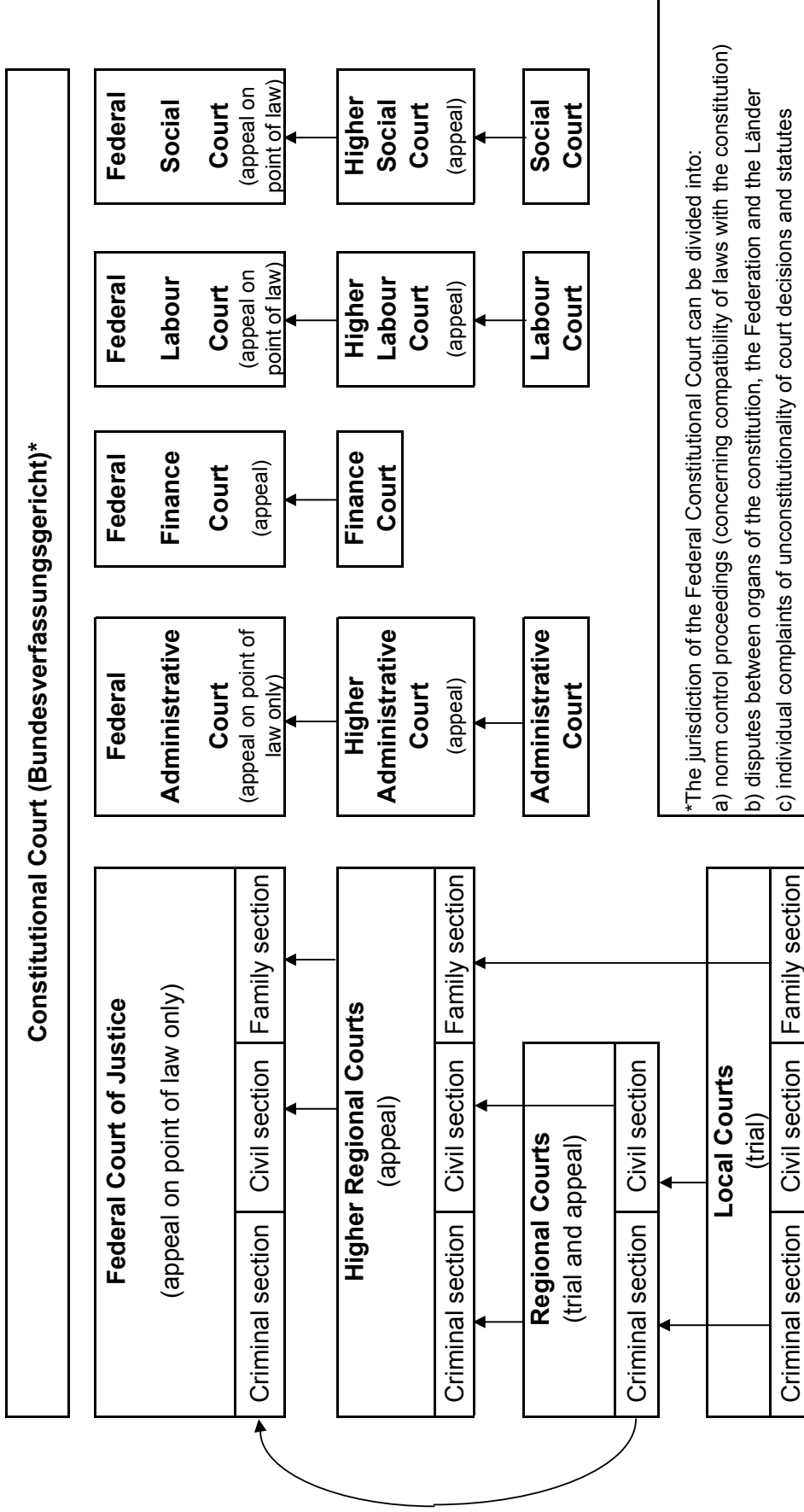


Table 1

## Court System in Germany



The appeal system in criminal, civil and family cases is complicated:

**Criminal cases:**  
 Appeals from local courts to regional courts, further appeal to higher regional courts  
 Appeals from regional courts (trials, first instance) only to federal court of justice

**Civil cases:**  
 Appeals from local courts to regional courts, no further appeal  
 Appeals from regional courts (first instance) to higher regional courts, further appeal to federal court of justice

**Family cases:**  
 Appeals from local courts to higher regional courts, further appeal to federal court of justice  
 (Appeals to federal court of justice are subject to further conditions)