

The court system of the Russian Federation
(as of 1st January, 2011)

Table 1. Types of courts

Federal courts	1) The Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation 2) Commercial courts of all levels 3) Courts of general jurisdiction of all levels, except for justices of the peace
Courts of the constituent entities of the Russian Federation	1) Constitutional (charter) courts of the constituent entities of the Russian Federation 2) Justices of the peace

Table 2. Constitutional courts

The Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation verifies whether various legal acts (laws, international treaties, etc.) comply with the Constitution of the Russian Federation and interprets it, as well as performs some other functions.

The constitutional (charter) courts of the constituent entities of the Russian Federation *are NOT subordinate* to the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation. They perform the same functions, but in respect of the constitutions (charters) and legal acts of the corresponding constituent entities.

The Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation (1)
Constitutional (charter) courts of the constituent entities of the Russian Federation (17)

Table 3. Commercial courts

Commercial courts resolve economic disputes and some other types of cases connected with economic activity.

Supervisory instance First instance	The Supreme Commercial Court of the Russian Federation (1)
Cassational instance	Commercial cassational courts (10) <i>(see Note 1 below)</i>
Appellate instance	Commercial appellate courts (20)
First instance	Commercial courts of the constituent entities of the Russian Federation (81)

Note 1. Commercial cassational courts can function as first instance courts only in cases regarding compensation for excessively long proceedings or non-enforcement of judicial acts.

Table 4. Courts of general jurisdiction (including military courts)

Courts of general jurisdiction deal with administrative, criminal (including robbery and intentional homicide) and civil (including litigious divorce and employment dismissal) cases.

The same cases involving military servicemen are dealt by military courts.

Supervisory instance Cassational instance First instance	The Supreme Court of the Russian Federation (1)	
Supervisory instance Cassational instance First instance	Supreme courts of republics (21) Courts of territories (9) Courts of regions (46) Courts of cities of federal importance (2) Court of autonomous region (1) Courts of autonomous areas (4) <i>(see Note 1 below)</i>	Circuit (fleet) military courts (12)
Appellate instance First instance	District (city) courts (2,319)	Garrison military courts (119) <i>(see Note 2 below)</i>
First instance	Justices of the peace (7,444) <i>(see Note 3 below)</i>	

Note 1. Republics, territories, regions, cities of federal importance, autonomous region and autonomous areas are different names for the constituent entities of the Russian Federation. Despite the different names, all the 83 constituent entities of the Russian Federation are equal in rights and the powers and the statuses of the corresponding courts are also equal.

Note 2. Garrison military courts can function only as first instance courts.

Note 3. Justices of the peace cannot examine cases of robbery, intentional homicide and employment dismissal.