

This section provides you with an overview of the court system in Greece.

Organisation of justice – judicial systems

Justice in Greece is one of the three functions of the state. In line with the principle of the **separation of powers**, justice is **independent** of the legislative and executive powers.

Types of courts – short description

Courts in Greece are divided into the following main **categories**:

Administrative courts (*Διοικητικά δικαστήρια*)

Civil courts (*Πολιτικά δικαστήρια*)

Criminal courts (*Ποινικά δικαστήρια*)

Court martial (στρατοδικείο), naval court (ναυτοδικείο) and air force court (αεροδικείο)

Supreme Special Court (*Ανώτατο Ειδικό Δικαστήριο*)

Special court for corruption lawsuits

Special court for liability of Ministers

Special court for disputes on remuneration of judicial officials

Court administration

Each court is administered by judicial officials: a president or a three-member council.

Court hierarchy

Civil courts:

District civil courts (*ειρηνοδικεία*), courts of first instance (*πρωτοδικεία*), courts of appeal (*εφετεία*), Supreme Court (*Άρειος Πάγος*)

Criminal courts:

District criminal courts (*πταισματοδικεία*), magistrates' courts (*πλημμελειοδικεία*), courts of appeal, Supreme Court

Administrative courts:

Administrative courts of first instance, administrative courts of appeal, Council of State (*Συμβούλιο της Επικρατείας*)

Related links

[Council of State](#)

[Administrative Court of Athens](#)

[Public Prosecutor's Office of District Court Judges](#)

[Greek Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights](#)

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