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	State Superior Court*	State District Court	State Small Claims Court (a division of State District Court)	Federal District Court
Jurisdiction (Types of Civil Cases)	General: any type of civil case governed by Washington law, and some civil cases governed by federal law	Limited: only certain types of civil cases are allowed	Limited: only certain types of civil cases are allowed	Limited: civil cases involving a federal law, or where the parties are located in different states and the amount in dispute is at least \$75,000, or where the U.S. is a party
Number of Courts**	39: one for each Washington county (King County has two locations)	39: one for each Washington county (but many counties have multiple divisions)	39: one for each Washington county (but some counties have multiple divisions)	2: Western Washington and Eastern Washington (each district has a couple of locations)
Maximum Amount That Can Be Awarded	N/A	\$100,000	\$5,000	N/A
Discovery of Opponent's Witnesses & Documents	Broad, but the scope and timing is decided by each county	Limited scope and timing	None, and no attorneys are allowed	Broad, but stringent rules regarding the scope and timing
Jury Available	Yes: 6 person or 12 person	Yes: 6 person	No: judge only	Yes: 6 person or 12 person
Appeal	To the Washington State Court of Appeals	To state superior court	To state superior court, but the dispute must involve a minimum dollar amount	To the U.S. Courts of Appeals (Ninth Circuit)