

The U.S. Court System

For each card, find the corresponding number on one of the three court diagrams.
Label or annotate the diagram as directed on the card.

Federal Court System

Special Courts



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Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims



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Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court and Court of Review



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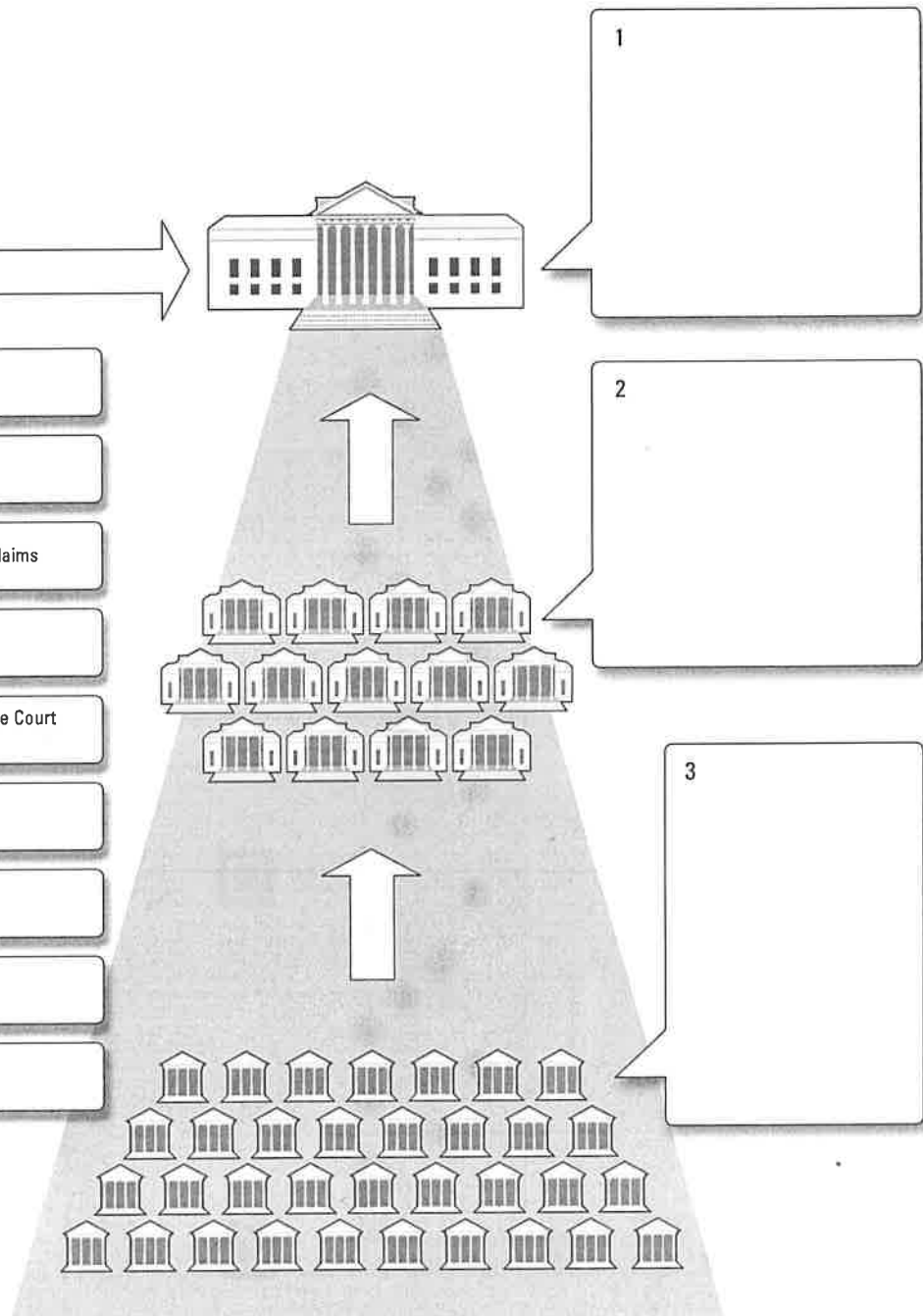
Alien Terrorist Removal Court



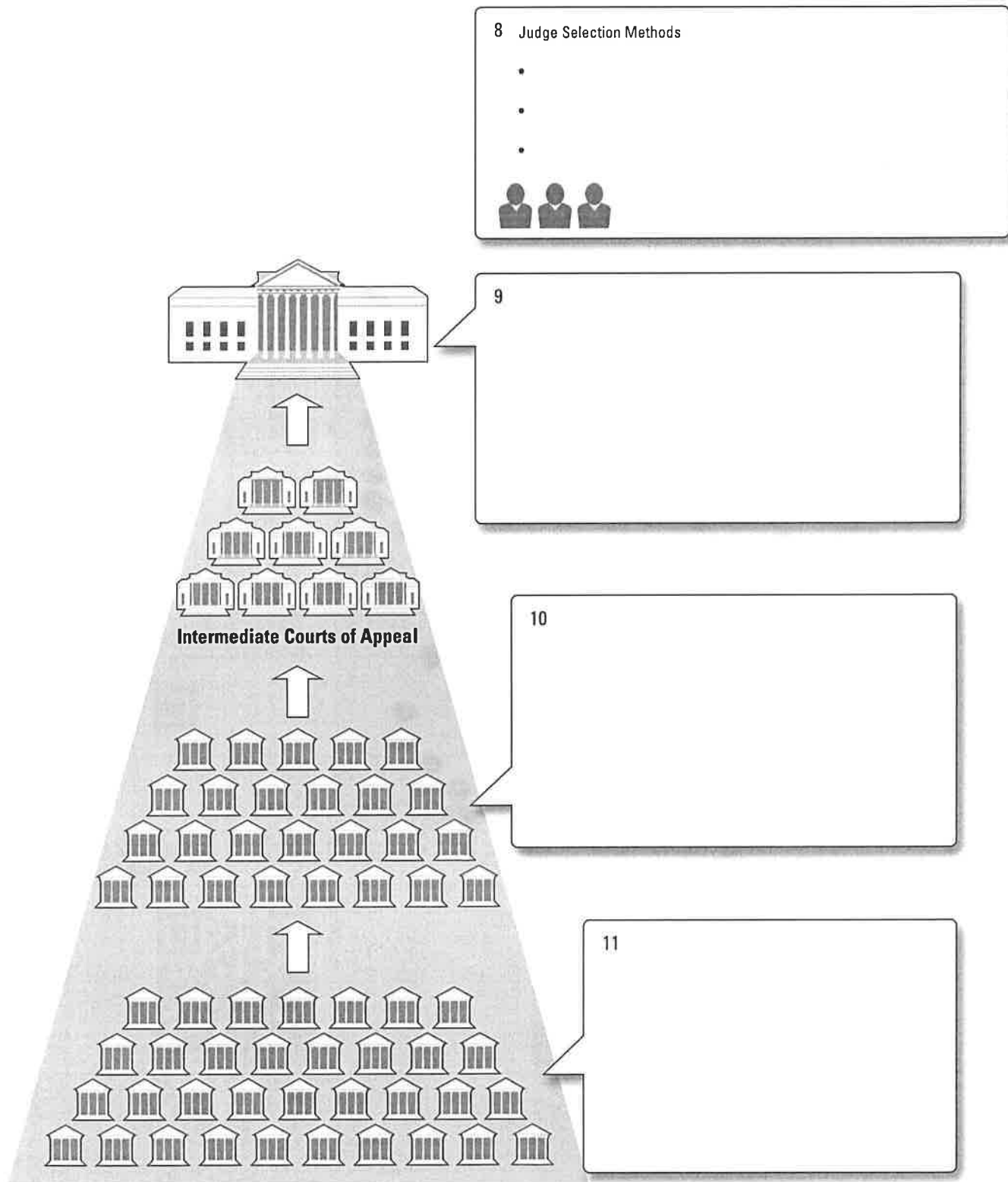
Military courts



Military tribunals



State Court System



Supreme Court



Federal Judge Selection Process

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Judges are nominated by _____

and confirmed by _____.



Stages of a Supreme Court Case

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Legal and amicus curiae briefs are filed.

Oral arguments are presented to the Court.

Justices meet in private conferences and decide to uphold or to overrule a previous decision.

15 Opinions are written.

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Schools of Thought About Judicial Review

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Judicial Branch Card Sort

Card 1

Which court in the federal system is the court of last resort?

Label this court on the diagram. Then describe its function and draw in the number of justices who hear each case.

Card 2

Which courts in the federal system use three-judge panels to review cases?

Label these courts on the diagram. Then describe their function and draw in the number of justices who hear each case.

Card 3

Which courts in the federal system have original jurisdiction within their regions?

Label these courts on the diagram and describe their function.

Card 4

Which court hears cases that involve customs or other trade issues?

Label this court on the diagram.

Card 5

Which court hears cases in which claims for damages have been made against the United States?

Label this court on the diagram.

Card 6

Which court resolves disputes between taxpayers and the Internal Revenue Service?

Label this court on the diagram.

Card 7

Which court in the federal system reviews the convictions of military personnel who have violated military law?

Label this court on the diagram.

Card 8

What three methods are used to select state judges?

Write these methods on the diagram.

Card 9

Which courts in the state system have jurisdiction over all matters of state law and are the last avenue of appeal for most cases?

Label these courts on the diagram.

Card 10

Which courts in the state system handle most serious criminal cases and major civil disputes?

Label these courts on the diagram and describe their function.

Card 11

Which courts in the state system specialize in minor criminal or civil cases and usually involve informal hearings without juries?

Label these courts on the diagram and describe their function.

Card 12

Which practice in the selection process for federal judges allows senators to block nominations to federal courts in their home states?

Write this term and its definition on the diagram.

Card 13

Who nominates Supreme Court justices? Who confirms these nominations?

Write this information on the diagram.

Card 14

What is a legal document that the Supreme Court sends to a lower court ordering it to send up a complete record of a case?

Write this term and its definition on the diagram.

Card 15

What are three kinds of opinions that may be written by the Supreme Court after a case is decided?

Write this information on the diagram, and describe each kind of opinion.

Card 16

What are the two schools of thought surrounding the Supreme Court's power of judicial review?

List and describe each school of thought in the correct locations on the diagram.