

Government Terminology

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Courts of appeals — Courts-martial — District court
Judicial review — Public policy
Supreme Court — Trial courts

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Civil service	system where government employees, not including armed forces, are chosen by the results of testing
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