

# Justice and Community Safety Directorate

## The Federal Courts

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The [Constitution of Australia](#) establishes the judicial power of the Commonwealth. It establishes the High Court of Australia and empowers the Commonwealth Parliament to create other federal courts and to have federal judicial power (the power to decide a dispute) in State and Territory courts.

There are four principal federal courts:

- the High Court
- the Federal Court of Australia
- the Family Court of Australia, and
- the Federal Magistrates Court of Australia.

Federal judges and magistrates are appointed by the government of the day.

Visit the Australian [Attorney-General's website](#) for all information.

### **Location and contact details for federal courts based in Canberra**

[High Court of Australia](#)

[Federal Court, Family Court and Federal Magistrates Court](#) are all in the same location.