



MALTESE COURT SYSTEM SIMPLIFIED: CIVIL ISSUES

The Courts are divided into **Superior** (Constitutional, Court of Appeal & the Civil Court) and **Inferior** Courts (Court of Magistrates).

SUPERIOR COURTS

Constitutional Court	As an Appeals Court	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> on interpretation of Constitution validity of laws breaches of fundamental human rights
	As a court of Original Jurisdiction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> validity of the election of MPs requirement MPs vacating seat in Parliament the validity of the election of the Speaker validity of general elections
Court of Appeal		Appeals from the First Hall Civil Court and the Family Section
		Appeals from the Court of Magistrates (Civil), the Small Claims Tribunal and the administrative tribunals
Civil Court	First Hall Civil Court	Civil or commercial cases exceeding €15,000 Cases relating to violations of fundamental human rights and freedoms
	Voluntary Jurisdiction	Cases that are not contentious, e.g. adoptions, tutorships, etc.
	Family Section	Cases relating to family matters (annulment, separation, divorce, maintenance and custody of children)

INFERIOR COURTS

Court of Magistrates	Cases of a civil or commercial nature not exceeding €15,000
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COURT OF MAGISTRATES GOZO - CIVIL

Superior	General: Cases of a civil or a commercial nature exceeding €15,000 Voluntary Jurisdiction: non-contentious cases (e.g. adoptions, tutorships, etc.) Family Section: family matters (annulment, separation, divorce, maintenance and custody of children) Appeals from Inferior Court
Inferior	Cases of a civil or commercial nature not exceeding €15,000

OTHER JUDICIAL AND QUASI-JUDICIAL TRIBUNALS AND BOARD

(Small Claims Tribunal, Rent Regulation Board, Administrative Review Tribunal, Industrial Tribunals)

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