

## --When to Capitalize the word "Court"--

### When you are in a federal court:

Other than when writing out the full case name, you should only capitalize the word "court" if:

- 1/ writing out a full case name,
- 2/ referring to the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS), and
- 3/ referring to your court in your case.

### When you are in a state court:

Other than when writing out the full case name, you should only capitalize the word "court" if:

- 1/ writing out a full case name,
- 2/ referring to SCOTUS,
- 3/ referring to your court in your case, and
- 4/ referring to the highest court in your state.

When you are in this court . . .	You are referring to SCOTUS	You are referring to your court in your case	You are referring to your court in another case	You are referring to the highest state court in state A	You are referring to any other court
federal district court in state A	capitalize	capitalize	lower case	lower case	lower case
Circuit Court	capitalize	capitalize	?	lower case	lower case
trial court in state A	capitalize	capitalize	lower case	capitalize	lower case
appellate court in state A	capitalize	capitalize	?	capitalize	lower case
highest court in state A	capitalize	capitalize	capitalize	capitalize	lower case