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## Judicial Branch Lecture Notes (40 points)

1. What is the **Judiciary Act of 1789**? What specific Courts did it establish as an expression of Federalism?
2. What types of cases are heard at the state level? Federal level? (Offer **THREE** examples for each)
3. What types of cases are heard at both state and federal levels (Offer **THREE** examples)
4. How many justices are on the Supreme Court? How are they appointed?
5. How are majority decisions different from dissenting opinions?
6. What is the **Certiorari Process**?
7. What is **Stare Decisis**?
8. Briefly explain the difference between **Judicial Activism** and **Judicial Restraint**. (Offer ONE Example of each):
9. What are the important characteristics of criminal cases?
10. What is the difference between a **felony** and a **misdemeanor**?
11. What is a **capital crime**?
12. What is a **plea bargain**?
13. How are the **rights of juveniles** different from the rights of adults?

14. What is the difference between direct evidence and circumstantial evidence?
15. Define the Exclusionary Rule and give an example of how it might apply to individuals impacted by the criminal justice system:
16. How are civil cases different from criminal cases?
17. What is a Plaintiff?
18. What are the key constitutional rights of the accused?
19. What is the difference between substantive due process and procedural due process?:
20. Define the following terms:

**Indictment:**

**Arraignment:**

**Voir Dire**

**Acquittal:**

**Parole:**

**OTHER NOTES:**