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# Bundesgerichtshof

**Date of establishment:** October 1st, 1950

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**Website:**

[http://www.bundesgerichtshof.de/EN/Home/home\\_node.html](http://www.bundesgerichtshof.de/EN/Home/home_node.html) [2]

**National database of their case law:**

[www.bundesgerichtshof.de/DE/Entscheidungen/EntscheidungenBGH/entscheidungenBGH\\_node.html](http://www.bundesgerichtshof.de/DE/Entscheidungen/EntscheidungenBGH/entscheidungenBGH_node.html) [3]

**The Supreme Court is the highest Court of general, i.e. civil and criminal, jurisdiction**

What does the court decide about

Mainly: Appeals on points of law (so called "Revision?");

also see description on the own website of the Bundesgerichtshof

(English: [http://www.bundesgerichtshof.de/EN/Home/home\\_node.html](http://www.bundesgerichtshof.de/EN/Home/home_node.html) [2] - "The Federal Court of Justice;

German: [http://www.bundesgerichtshof.de/DE/Service/service\\_node.html](http://www.bundesgerichtshof.de/DE/Service/service_node.html) [4] - Broschüre)

The principals of procedure

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The number of justices and panels

134 Federal Judges (including 17 Presiding Judges and the President)

12 Civil Panels, 5 Criminal Panels

How are the justices appointed

The judges of the Federal Court of Justice are elected by the Judges Election Committee and appointed by the Federal President

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