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The Supreme Court defines ...” The Supreme Court defines how the U.S. political process works, and how laws are made. The court defines the power of the president. The supreme court is the highest court within the hierarchy of courts in many legal jurisdictions. Other descriptions for such courts include court of last resort, apex court, and highest (or final) court of appeal. Broadly speaking, the decisions of a supreme court are not subject to further review by any other court. Leah Ward Sears, former chief justice of the Georgia Supreme Court, now partner at the Atlanta office of Schiff Hardin, LLP "Socrates once said that there are four things a judge must do: (1) hear ... The Supreme Court has appellate jurisdiction over basically everything else, but it only exercises on a discretionary level (thanks to the Judiciary Act of 1925). That discretion tends to come in two forms: a Circuit split (i.e. where two or more federal Circuits have interpreted the law in contradictory ways, and the ambiguity must be resolved), or a novel question of law (i.e. an issue which the Supreme Court has never ruled upon) (these most commonly come from State Supreme Courts).