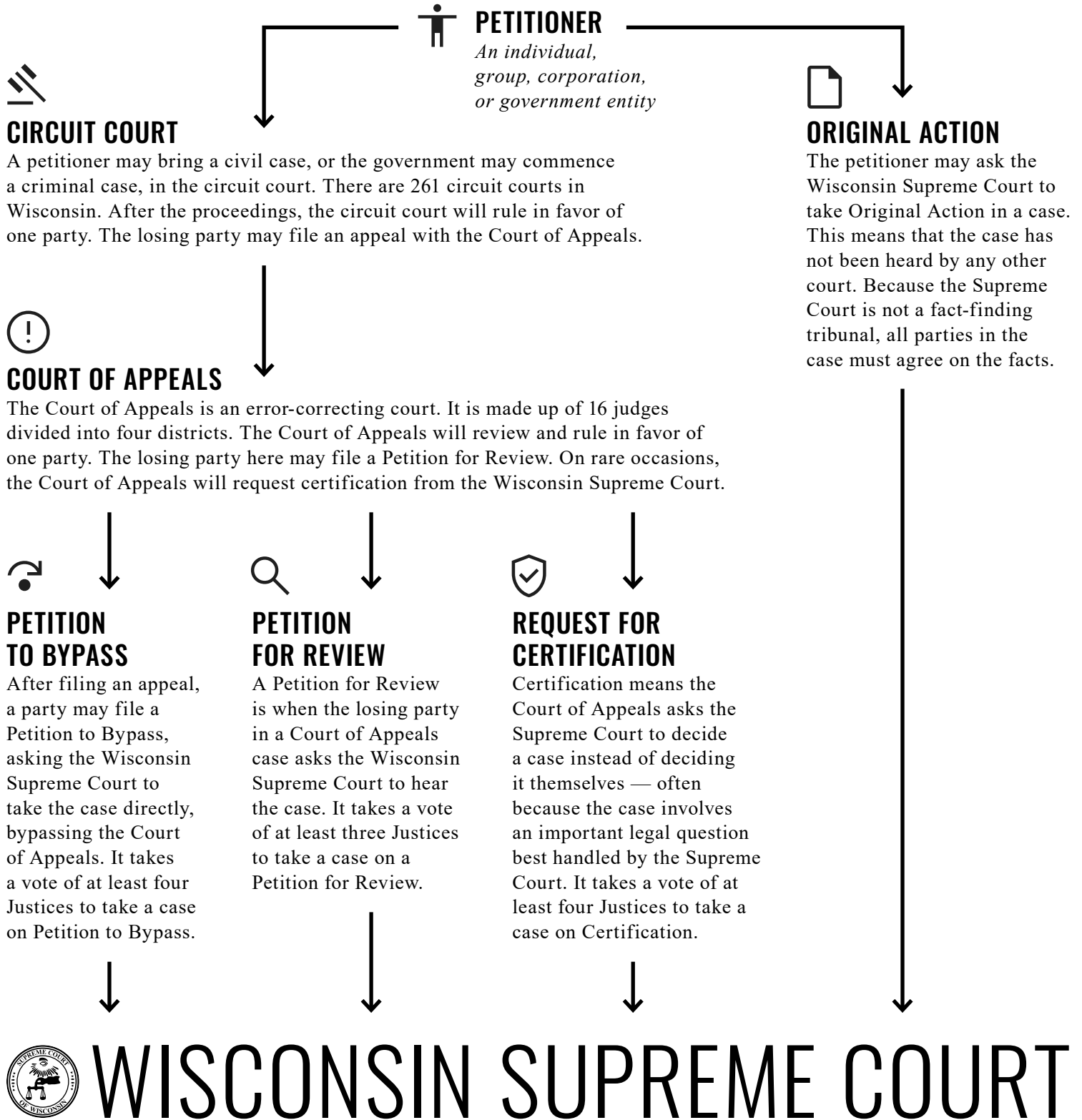


HOW DOES A CASE REACH THE WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT?



At oral argument, each side is allowed 30 minutes to present their case. Oral argument supplements and clarifies arguments the lawyers have already set forth in written submissions called “briefs.” Following each day’s oral arguments, the Court meets in conference to discuss and take a preliminary vote on the cases argued that day. After the vote, a Justice is assigned by lot to write the majority opinion. Opinions are posted on the Wisconsin Court System’s website on the morning of their release at www.wicourts.gov.