Jurisdiction

14. National Jurisdiction

Legal Jurisdiction

- See session 1
- Sec. 13 CCA: Civil Litigation

Ratione Materiae (Subject Matter Jurisdiction)

- Appellate Jurisdiction: see next slide
- Main aspect to determine ratione materiae: Value in Dispute (Sec. 23 Nr. 1, 71 Para. 1 CCA) up to 5.000 € ≈ 171.040

TWD, **local courts** (In development: increase to 8.000 €), higher value in dispute: regional courts as courts of first instance

• Specific Jurisdiction: e.g. disputes in cases concerning rent: local courts, Sec. 23 Nr. 2 a) CCA

Local Jurisdiction

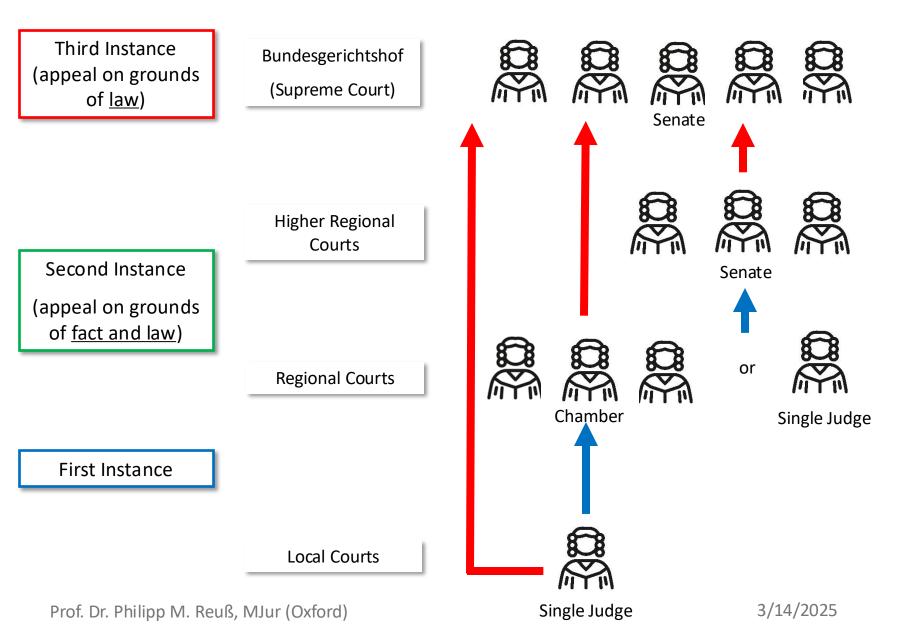
- Place of Jurisdiction, Sec. 12-34 CPC
- General place of jurisdiction: residence of defendant (sec. 13 CPC) or at registered seat at administrative center Sec.
- 17, 18, 21 CPC)
- Particular place of jurisdiction, e.g. Sec. 29 CPC Actions arising from contracts and exclusive jurisdiction, e.g. Sec. 29a CPC Disputes concerning tenancy and leases

Functional Jursidiction

- **Court/Judge**= as an adjudicative body (single judge, chamber, senate); Assignment within the court by case allocation plan ("Geschäftsverteilungsplan")
- Clerk and other Auxiliary bodies: internal, e.g. registrar of deeds or external, e.g. Translator/Interpretor

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14. National Jurisdiction - stages of appeal procedure



14. National Jurisdiction – Place of Jurisdiction and Digitalisation

Status quo

- So far: no specific laws regarding jurisdiction with regard to digitalisation
- See Sec. 29c (1) 2 CPC: Exclusive Jurisdiction for doorstep sales regarding consumers
- (P) Floating Jurisdiction for infringements of rights in the internet (Sec. 32 CPC: torts)
- New rules concerning **digital trials** in sec. 128a CPC and Sec. 16 EGZPO contain<u>no</u> specific rule on jurisdiction

De lege ferenda

- Implementation of a location-independent online-venue (in planning)
- Centralized **Online-venue** (similar model of default summon courts)
- **<u>2025 Reform Commission</u>**: enabling digital choice of court agreements



14. National Jurisdiction – Current Reform Debate



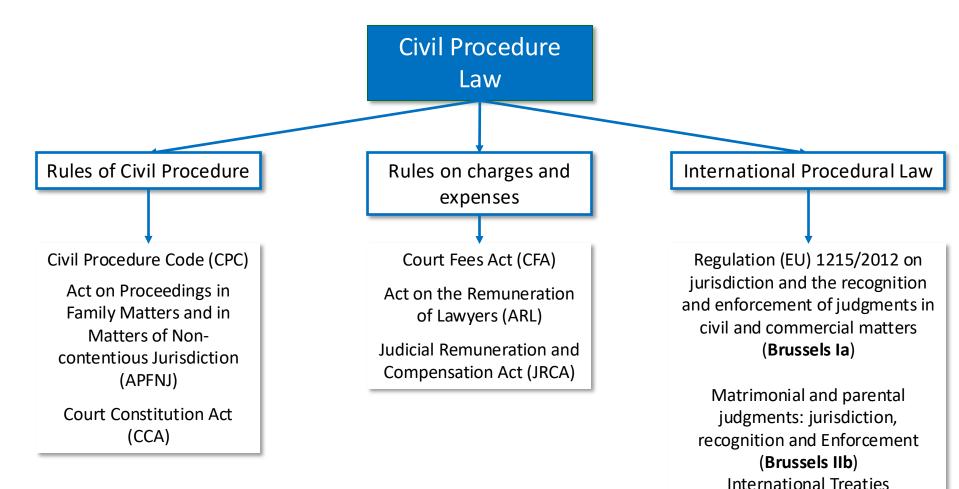
Reformkommission Zivilprozess der Zukunft

im Auftrag des 3. Digitalgipfels der Justizministerinnen und Justizminister des Bundes und der Länder

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15. International (and European) Jurisdiction



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German Civil Procedure Code (CPC)

Summary

- Rules of national jurisdiction
- Rules of international jurisdiction