The Supreme Court



-The **Supreme Court of the United States** is the highest judicial body in the United States

→ Leads the federal judiciary

- It consists of **the Chief Justice** of the United States and eight **Associate Justices**,

→ Nominated by the President and confirmed with the "*advice and consent*" (Majority vote) of the Senate.

- **Appellate Court** (But it has **original jurisdiction** over a small range of cases)

Constitutional Origin:

- The Supreme Court is justified in § 3 of the Constitution

→ It was created by authority of the Judiciary Act of 1789

Jurisdiction:

→ **Original Jurisdiction** (Cases affecting ambassadors, ministers and consuls)

→ **Appellate Jurisdiction** (In other cases → Regulated by the Congress)

Rulemaking Power:

- The Supreme Court is able to prescribe rules of procedure to be followed by lower courts

→ Conferred by the Congress

The Building:

- The Supreme Court is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

→ The library is open to members of the Court, attorneys, agencies and members of the Congress

The Term:

- The Term of the Court begins on the first Monday in October

→ Approximately 10.000 petitions are filed with the Court in the course of a Term

→ 1.200 applications of various kinds are handled every year by a single justice