

**IP related cases are divided into two types and different procedures are applied to them.**

<Technical case>

- Patent
- Utility model
- Integrated circuit
- Copyright (only computer program)

(1st Dai-1-shin)                      → (2nd Koso-shin)                      → (3rd Jokoku-shin)

Tokyo District Court                      **IP High Court** (Tokyo)                      Supreme Court  
Or Osaka District Court                      (**##**)

<Non-technical case>

- Design
- Trademark
- Copyright (except computer program)
- Plant Breeder's right
- Unfair Competition

(1st Dai-1-shin)                      → (2nd Koso-shin)

Tokyo District Court                      High Court (except Tokyo High court) (**##**)  
Or Osaka District Court  
Or other District Court(**#**)

→ (3rd Jokoku-shin)

Supreme Court

**#** A non-technical case brought before District Court (except Tokyo and Osaka district court) can be transmitted to the Tokyo District court (East Japan) or Osaka District Court (West Japan).

**##** A non-technical case in 2 nd trial (Kososhin) which the Tokyo High court is responsible for shall be dealt with in the **IP High Court**.

With respect to the trail against a JPO appeal board's decision shall be dealt with in **the IP High Court**.

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