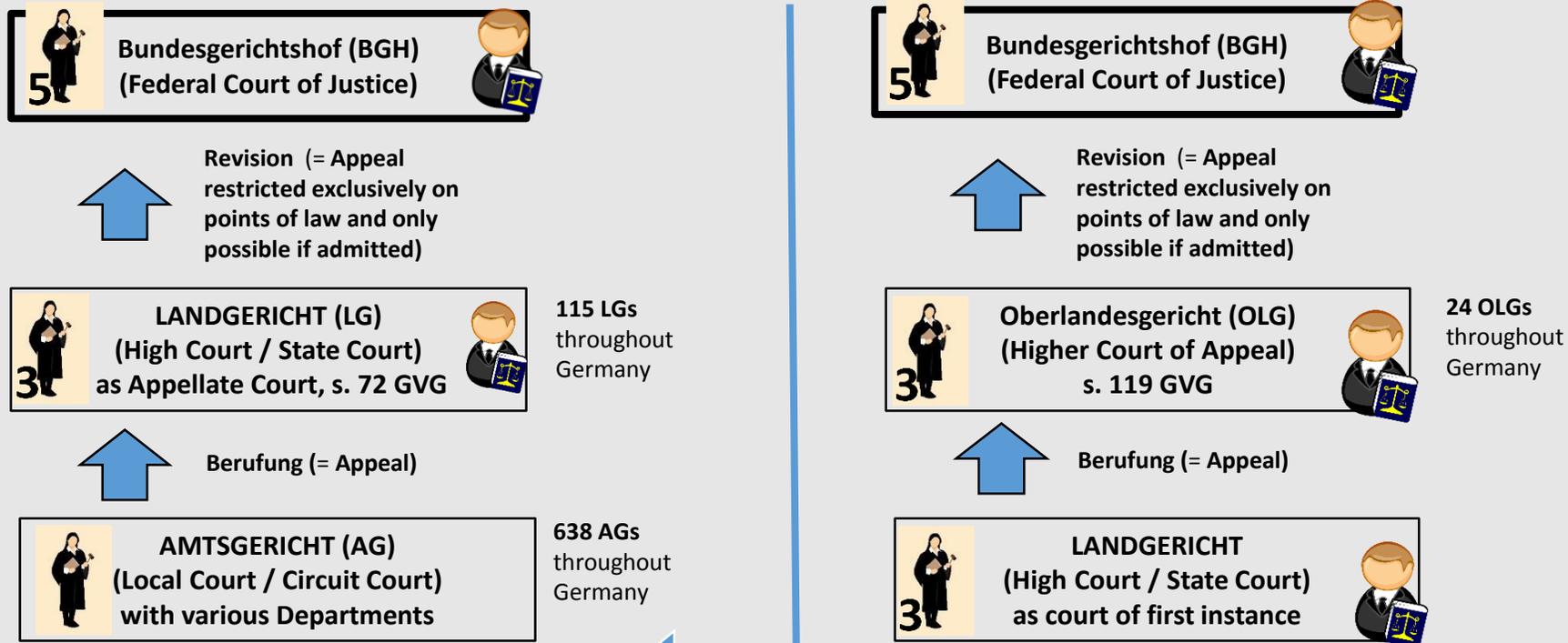


# THE GERMAN COURT SYSTEM IN CIVIL & COMMERCIAL DISPUTES \*

(\* this chart does not deal with matters of labor law, criminal law, administrative law, tax or social security law)

## NEED TO SUE IN GERMANY? WE EXPLAIN WHICH GERMAN TRIAL COURT TO APPROACH:



### Entry Trial Court for:

- Civil claims up to a volume of **€5,000**
- Specific legal matters regardless of the amount in dispute, e.g. family law issues, residential housing matters, condominium disputes, tourism related claims, non-contentious probate, guardianship etc. (s. 23 and 23a GVG)



**Your Claim**

### Entry Trial Court for:

- Civil claims in excess of **€5,000** (s. 70 GVG)
- Commercial and corporate disputes are decided by a special judicial panel of 3 professional judges and 2 lay judges, the „Kammer für Handelssachen“ (s. 95 GVG)

### Explanations:



= parties must be represented by a trial attorney licensed in Germany



= single judge decides the case (Einzelrichter)



= judicial panel of 3 judges (Kammer) decides the case; unless court rules that a single judge is sufficient



= judicial panel of 5 judges (Senat) decides the case

GVG = German Courts Constitution Act

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