**Federal Court Hierarchy**

*Directions:* Read pages 507-520 and organize the following statements under the correct federal court. Be able to explain why the particular characteristic appears under the particular heading.

original jurisdiction

appellate jurisdiction

witness testimony

three judges hear a case

kidnapping

Utah sues NC over representation in the House of Represents

9 justices

rule of Four

majority opinion

violation of NAFTA

15 minute arguments

judicial review

senatorial courtesy

A foreign ambassador arrested for treason

Jury trial

A case on the Constitutionality of attorney

Litmus test

Concurrent jurisdiction

A state case over the necessity of having a warrant for a search

Writ of Certiorari

Judges or Justices appointed by the President

Establish precedents

Life time tenure

Cohens v. Virginia

Appeals of regulatory commission decisions

13 circuits

Established by a Congressional law

99 federal courts

No jurisdiction over political questions

Appellate jurisdiction

Establishes the facts of the case

Judicial activism

Stare decisis

Blue slips

Amicus briefs Judicial review

Characterize the statements in the graphic below

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| District Courts | Appellate Courts | Supreme Court |
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1. How does the federal judiciary hierarchy maintain the three goals of the Madisonian model of government?
2. Describe THREE ways that court ensures the rights of the people while prosecuting the guilty.
3. How does the federal judiciary ensure equality under the law?