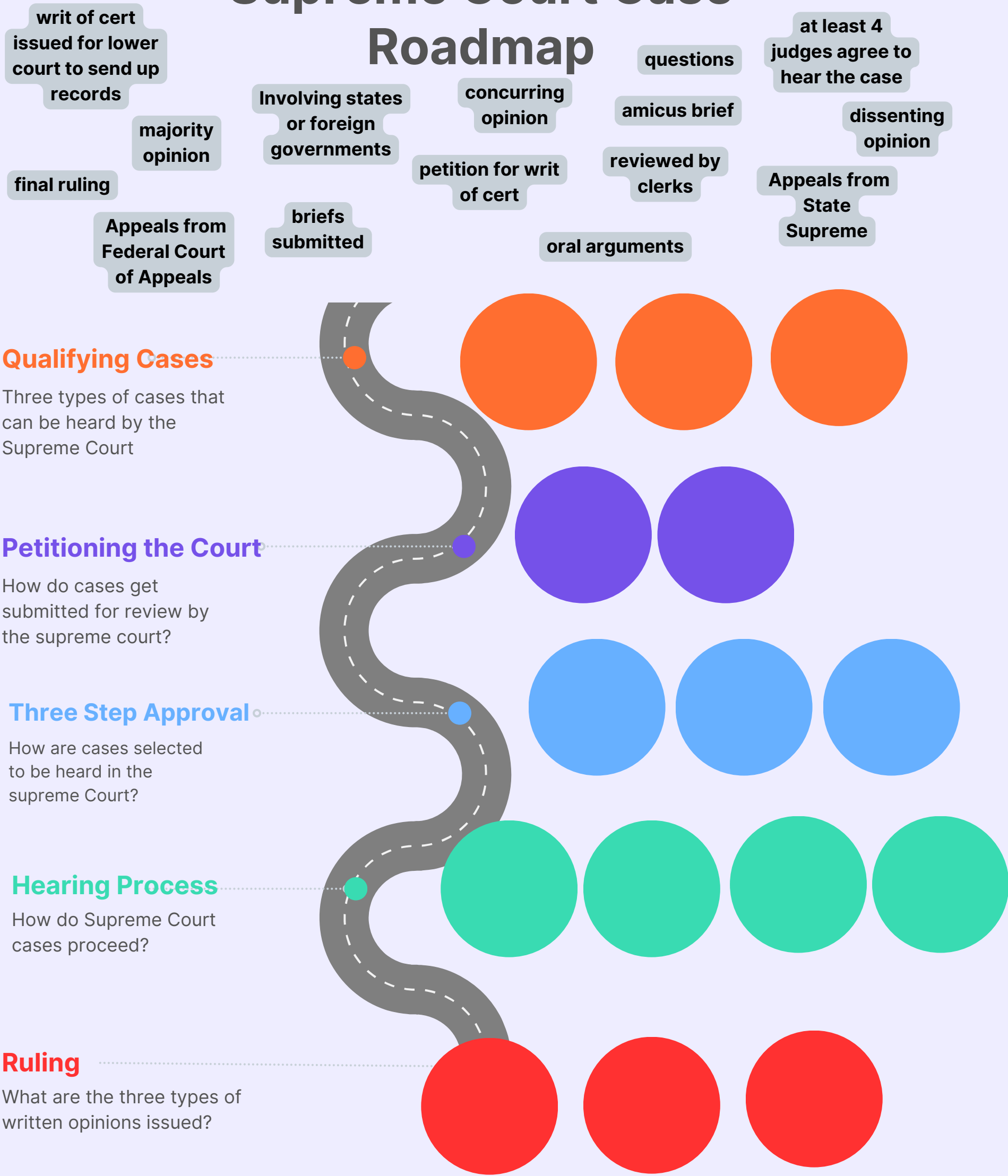


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## Qualifying Cases

Three types of cases that can be heard by the Supreme Court

Appeals from Federal Court of Appeals

Appeals from State Supreme

Involving states or foreign governments

## Petitioning the Court

How do cases get submitted for review by the supreme court?

petition for writ of cert

amicus brief

## Three Step Approval

How are cases selected to be heard in the supreme Court?

writ of cert issued for lower court to send up records

reviewed by clerks

at least 4 judges agree to hear the case

## Hearing Process

How do Supreme Court cases proceed?

briefs submitted

oral arguments

questions

final ruling

## Ruling

What are the three types of written opinions issued?

majority opinion

concurring opinion

dissenting opinion