

Inside the courtroom

Courtroom Areas

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Bar

Railing which separates the section reserved for the judges, attorneys, and jury from the area occupied by the general public.

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Jury Box

The enclosed area where jurors are seated to hear evidence presented at a jury trial.



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Jury room

A room outside the courtroom where the jury deliberates.

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Witness Stand

The chair where a witness sits and gives testimony after being sworn to tell the truth.

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Judge's chambers

The private office of the judge where he is able to enter the court from behind the bench.

Courtroom Participants

Foreperson

The jury member who speaks on behalf of the entire jury.

Grand Jury

A group of people who decide whether or not there is enough evidence to formally accuse someone of a crime.



Court reporter

A person who types word-for-word transcriptions during the trial serving as a permanent record.

Judge

An appointed official of the state with the responsibility to try lawsuits and make impartial legal rulings brought before the court.

