



COURTROOM VOCABULARY: COURTROOM ROLES AND TERMS

Bailiff
Clerk
Court reporter

Defense attorney
District attorney
Judge

Jury/Juror
Prosecutor
Witness

Witness =
One who can give a firsthand account of something seen, heard, or experienced

Judge =
A public officer authorized to hear and decide cases in a court of law

Jury =
A body of people (typically twelve in number) sworn to give a verdict in a legal case on the basis of evidence submitted to them in court

Clerk =
An officer of the court whose responsibilities include maintaining the records of the court

Bailiff =
An official in a court of law who keeps order, looks after prisoners, etc.

Court Reporter =
A person who records and transcribes a verbatim report of all proceedings in a court of law



Defense Attorney =
The attorney representing the accused

District Attorney =
A public official who initiates criminal court actions in the interests of the state or the federal government in a particular district.

**Prosecutor is a general term for any lawyer who conducts the case against the accused in a criminal court.*

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