

HANDOUT 12: What Do You Know About Court Personnel?



Answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper.

1. Why is it important to have an impartial judge hearing each case?
2. Why is it important that the court clerk take good care of all the exhibits?
3. Why is it important to tape the proceedings in the courtroom?
4. Why does the deputy sheriff sit next to the accused?
5. What is the significance of the name "Crown counsel"?
6. Why is there no Crown counsel in a civil case?
7. How many members sit on a criminal jury?
8. How many members sit on a civil jury?
9. How many jurors in a criminal jury must agree on a guilty verdict before it will be accepted by the court? Is the number any different if they make a finding of not guilty?
10. How many jurors must agree on a decision in a civil trial for that decision to be accepted by the court?
11. Why is it important to have jurors?
12. What are the names of the counsel or lawyers in a civil case?
13. What would happen if a person lied under oath and was caught?
14. How do court personnel foster an attitude of respect in the courtroom?