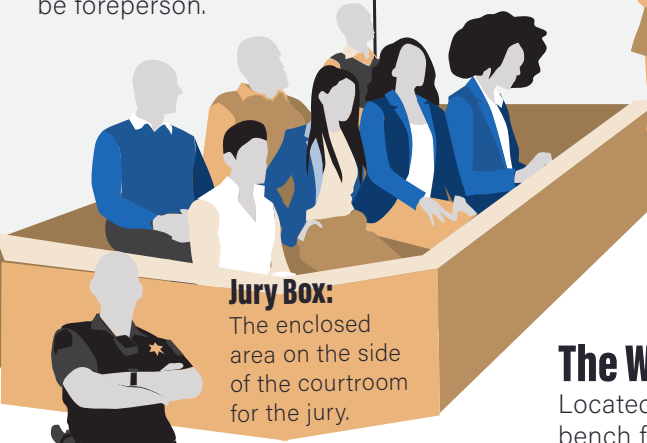


Inside the Pennsylvania Criminal Courtroom

Jury:

Citizens chosen to decide the facts of a case, led by the person they elect to be foreperson.



Jury Box:

The enclosed area on the side of the courtroom for the jury.

Sheriff:

A uniformed officer who keeps the courtroom secure.



Interpreter:

A person who communicates with, and for, the non-English speaking and the hearing impaired.

Witness:

A person who gives testimony about his/her personal or expert knowledge.

Witness Stand:

The chair for a person giving testimony.

The Well:

Located in front of the judge's bench for the court clerk and court reporter.

Prosecutor:

A lawyer who conducts the case against the defendant.

Judge:

A state official who wears a black robe, presides over trials, may decide cases without a jury and sentences those convicted.

Bench:

Where the judge presides over the trial.

Court Reporter:

A person who records a word-for-word record of the trial.

Defense Counsel:

A lawyer who represents the defendant.

Tipstaff:

A court officer who opens and closes court, keeps order and assists the jury.

Clerk:

A person who performs administrative duties for the court.

Defendant:

A person accused of a crime.

Bar: The railing separating the audience from court participants.