

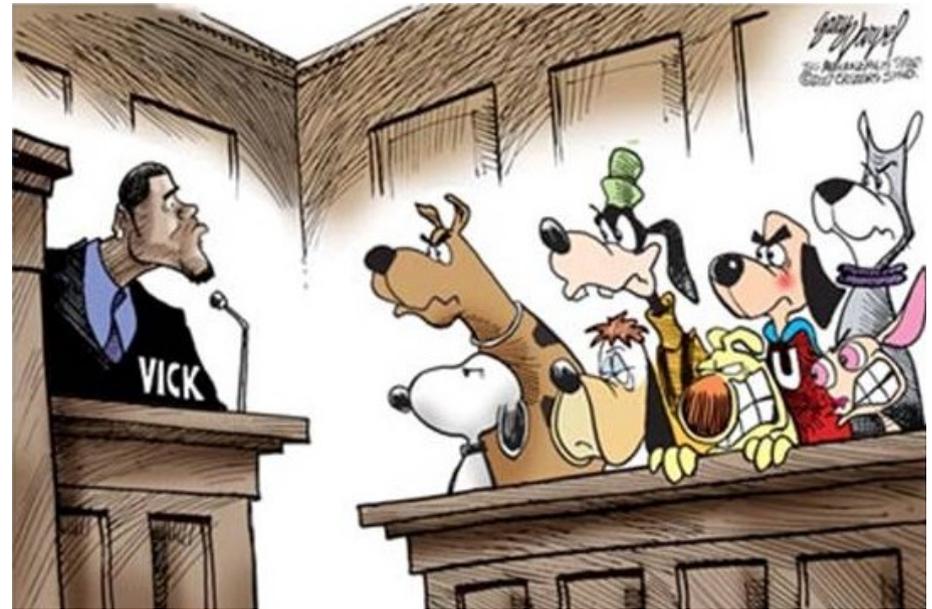
Participants in a Criminal Trial



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In a Criminal Trial
there are two
fundamental
principles

- 1) accused is innocent until proven guilty
- 2) Must be proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt



Participants in a Criminal Trial

Judge

- Makes decisions on admissibility of evidence
- Controls events in the courtroom
- Interprets the law in the case



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Judge

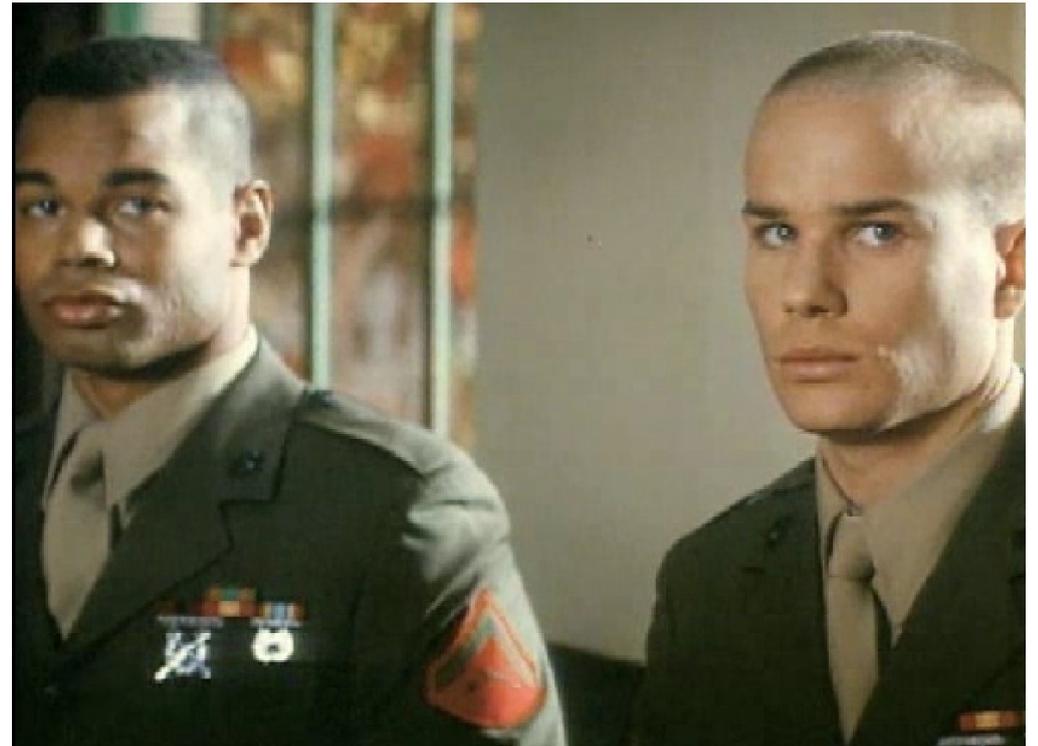
- Instructs the jury on the points of law
- Sentences convicted person



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The Defence

- Person charged with the crime is the accused
- Duty counsel is legal aid provided by the court



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The Defence

- Defence Counsel is the lawyer who represents the interests of the accused
- Tries to show the accused is not guilty beyond a reasonable doubt



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The Crown or Prosecution

- Represents the government and society's interests
- Researches the law
- Recommends the charges



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The Crown or Prosecution

- Assembles evidence
- Interviews witnesses
- Is not responsible for bringing forth a conviction, but credible evidence of the truth.



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The Crown and Defence

- Crown must give all of its evidence to the Defence, sometimes even arguments
- Defence does not have to do the same



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The Court Clerk

- Assists the Judge
- Keeps a record of trial exhibits
- Administers the oaths
- Announces the start and end of proceedings



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Court Reporter

- Records, word for word, everything that is said.



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Sheriff

- Maintains Court Security
- Handles custody of the accused
- Summons, pays, and secludes jurors



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Witnesses

- Give evidence of the circumstances surrounding the crime
- Are subpoenaed to appear



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Witnesses

- If they don't appear they can be found in contempt Give evidence of the circumstances surrounding the crime
- Are subpoenaed to appear



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Jury

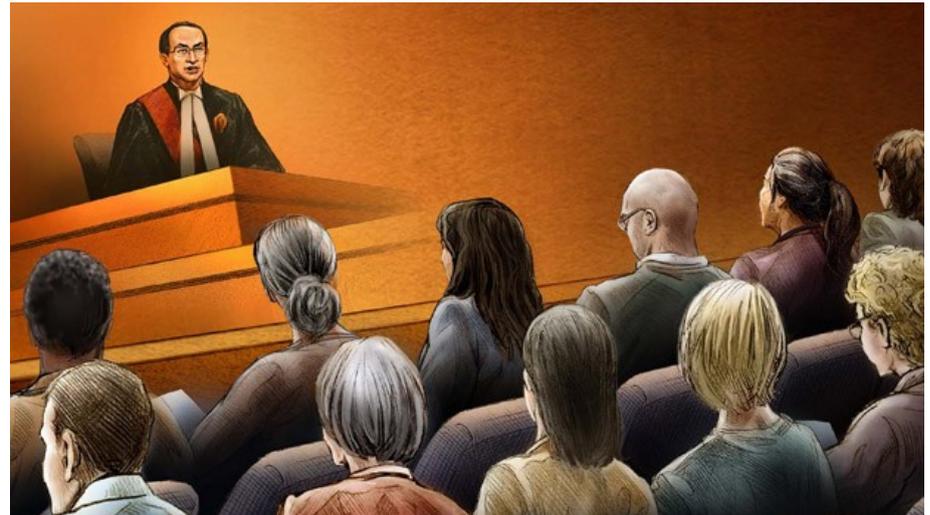
- A group of 12 men and women
- Chosen by the Crown and the Defence
- Listen to the case and make a decision on the guilt of the accused



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Jury

- Their decision must be unanimous
- No reasons need to be given for their decision
- Must be 18
- Resident of the province for at least a year



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Jury

- Politicians and justice system workers are generally exempt
- To skip you must apply to the sheriff

