

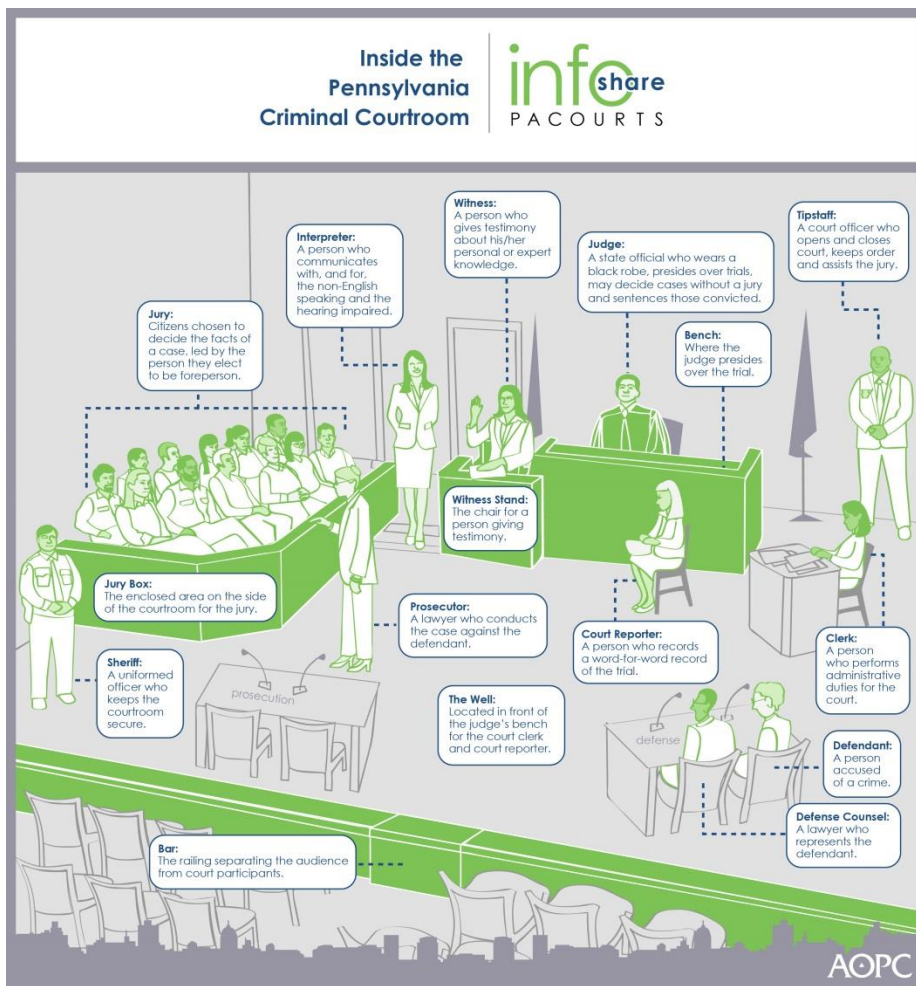
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Looking Inside the Pennsylvania Criminal Courtroom

HARRISBURG— Courts are at the very foundation of the American legal system. Two types of cases are taken to court: **civil** (disagreements about people’s rights and duties toward one another) and **criminal** (brought by the government against people accused of committing crimes).

The “set and cast of characters” in a courtroom can seem confusing to someone who hasn’t experienced the justice system firsthand. Focusing just on a Pennsylvania criminal case, the infographic below explains the various courtroom areas and participants. A high-resolution file of the graphic is available for download at www.pacourts.us under [Media Resources](#).



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