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Court 101: Common court terms you may not know

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BAIL
Money or other security given to a court to temporarily secure a person's release from custody and assure his or her appearance in court. May be forfeited if the person fails to appear before the court.

DISCOVERY
Procedures used to obtain disclosure of evidence before the trial.

MISTRIAL
A declaration by the court before a verdict is reached that a trial is invalid and may be reheard with a new jury.

PRIMA FACIE (PRY MAH FAY SHAH)
Refers to the minimum amount of evidence needed to continue moving forward in the judicial process.

VOIR DIRE (VWAHR DEER)
Process of questioning potential jurors to determine their qualifications and suitability to serve on a jury.

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