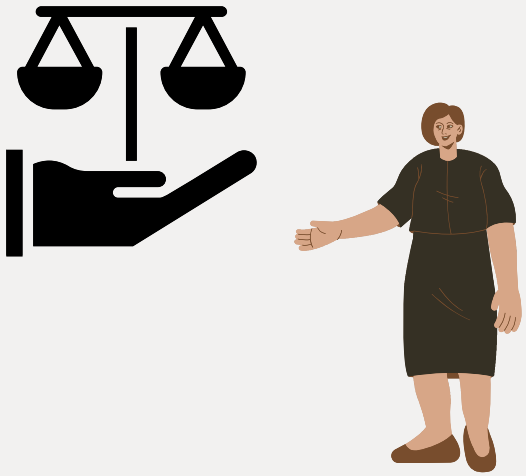
Appearing in Court, Part 1: The Courtroom

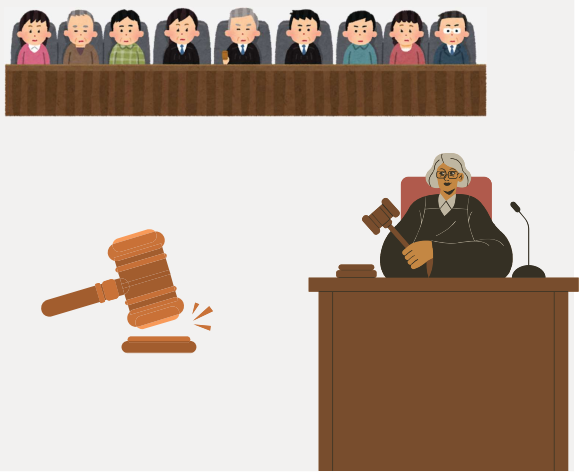
If I break a law,
I might go to court.

I will have an attorney
to help me.

Court is where decisions are
made when a law is broken.



A courtroom is a busy place with
lots of people, sounds, smells,
and sights.

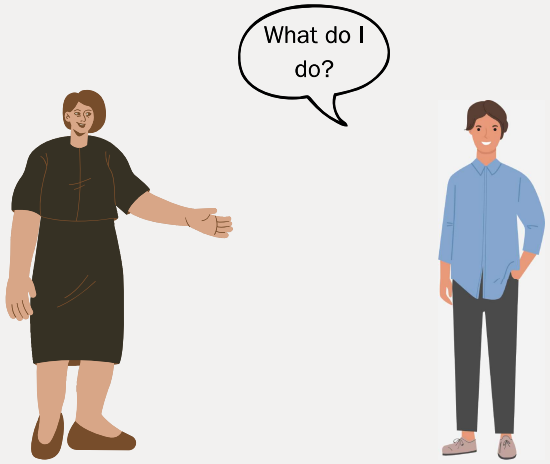


The Judge is in charge of the
courtroom.

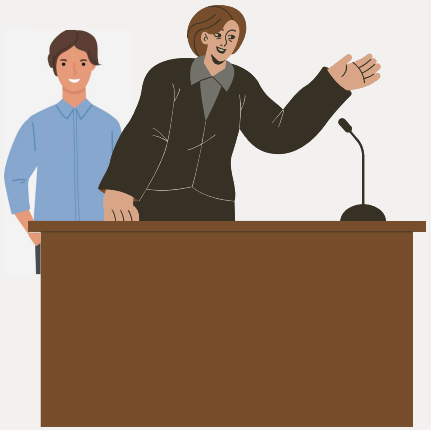
The Judge decides what happens
to people who break the law.

Appearing in Court, Part 2: Testifying

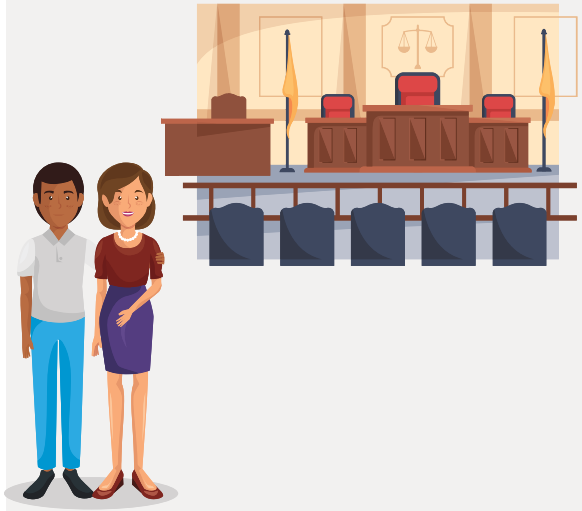
The attorney will help prepare me for court and understand the rules.



I will sit at a table with my attorney in the courtroom



My parents can be in the courtroom with me.



If I am asked to speak that is called testifying.

I must tell the truth.

If I don't tell the truth, that is breaking the law

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Appearing in Court, Part 3: After the Ruling

It is okay to tell the Judge and my attorney I have autism.

It is okay to ask them to repeat things I don't understand.

When the Judge makes a decision this is called a ruling.

I have to obey the Judge's ruling even if I don't like it.

The Judge may send me home with specific rules I must follow.

Or the Judge may send me to a place to learn how to stay out of trouble.

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