

Jobs in Law Worksheet

ANSWER KEY

Directions: Teacher will discuss answers with students after students complete the worksheet.

1. Police officer (policeman, policewoman, police)

The job of a police officer is to enforce the law. Police officers arrest criminals, collect evidence, and patrol areas to prevent crime. Some police officers direct traffic and give traffic tickets. Some police officers are detectives who investigate crimes. They try to figure out who did the crime.

2. Judge (magistrate)

The job of a judge or magistrate is to preside, or watch over cases in court to make sure the proceedings follow the law. Judges decide issues of law in a case. An example of an issue of law is whether a defendant (person who did something wrong) broke one law or another law. Judges sentence the defendant, letting them how long they will spend doing community service or in jail.

3. Jury

The job of a jury is to hear evidence in a case that has been presented in a trial. They then must decide the facts and vote on the verdict for the defendant: whether the person is not guilty or guilty. In Florida, a civil or criminal jury for anything other than a capital crime (such as murder) is six people. A jury for a capital crime (death penalty) is twelve people.

4. Attorney (lawyer, counselor, counsel)

The job of a lawyer is to defend or prosecute an action against a person in court. In criminal law, an attorney can be a defense attorney (to defend someone accused of a crime) or a prosecutor (a person hired by the government to prosecute someone accused of a crime). Attorneys do much research, and present arguments to a judge.

5. Bailiff

The job of a bailiff is to maintain order in the courtroom during a trial or hearing. The bailiff guards everybody in the courtroom: the jury, judge, attorneys, witnesses, and audience, from outsiders and from each other.

6. (Individual Response)

Discuss students' individual responses. Ask them why they chose that job. What do they like about the job? What don't they like about other jobs? What job is the hardest? What job is the easiest?

