

JOHNSON COUNTY DISTRICT COURT ACTIVITY PACKET

GRADES 3 - 6



10th Judicial District

Johnson County

JOHNSON COUNTY DISTRICT COURTHOUSE

- THERE ARE 22 JUDGES.
- THERE ARE 4 MAGISTRATE JUDGES.
- THE COURTHOUSE HAS SEVEN FLOORS AND 356,821 SQUARE FEET OF SPACE.
- THE COURTHOUSE WILL MEET JOHNSON COUNTY'S JUDICIAL NEEDS FOR MORE THAN 75 YEARS.
- THE JOHNSON COUNTY JAIL IS CONNECTED TO THE COURTHOUSE BY AN UNDERGROUND TUNNEL.

ABOUT DISTRICT COURTS

- DISTRICT COURTS ARE CREATED BY THE CONSTITUTION. THEY ARE THE TRIAL COURTS OF KANSAS, FOR BOTH CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES. THESE CASES INCLUDE DIVORCE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS, DAMAGE SUITS, JUVENILE MATTERS, AND SMALL CLAIMS. IT IS HERE, AT THE COURTHOUSE, THAT THE CRIMINAL AND CIVIL JURY TRIALS ARE HELD.

JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

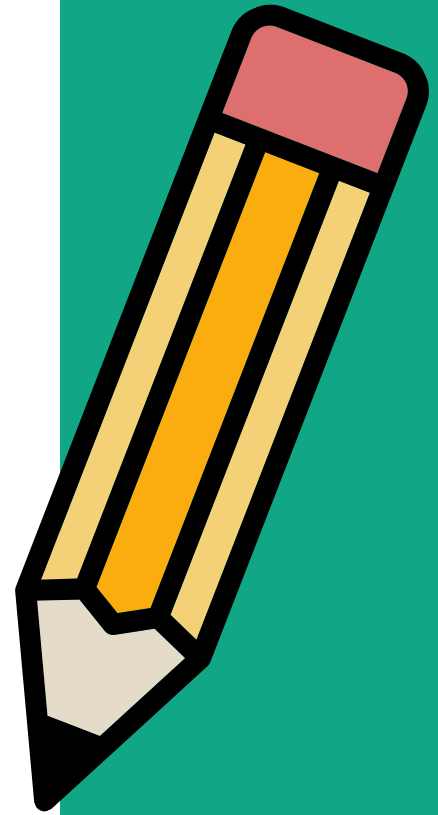
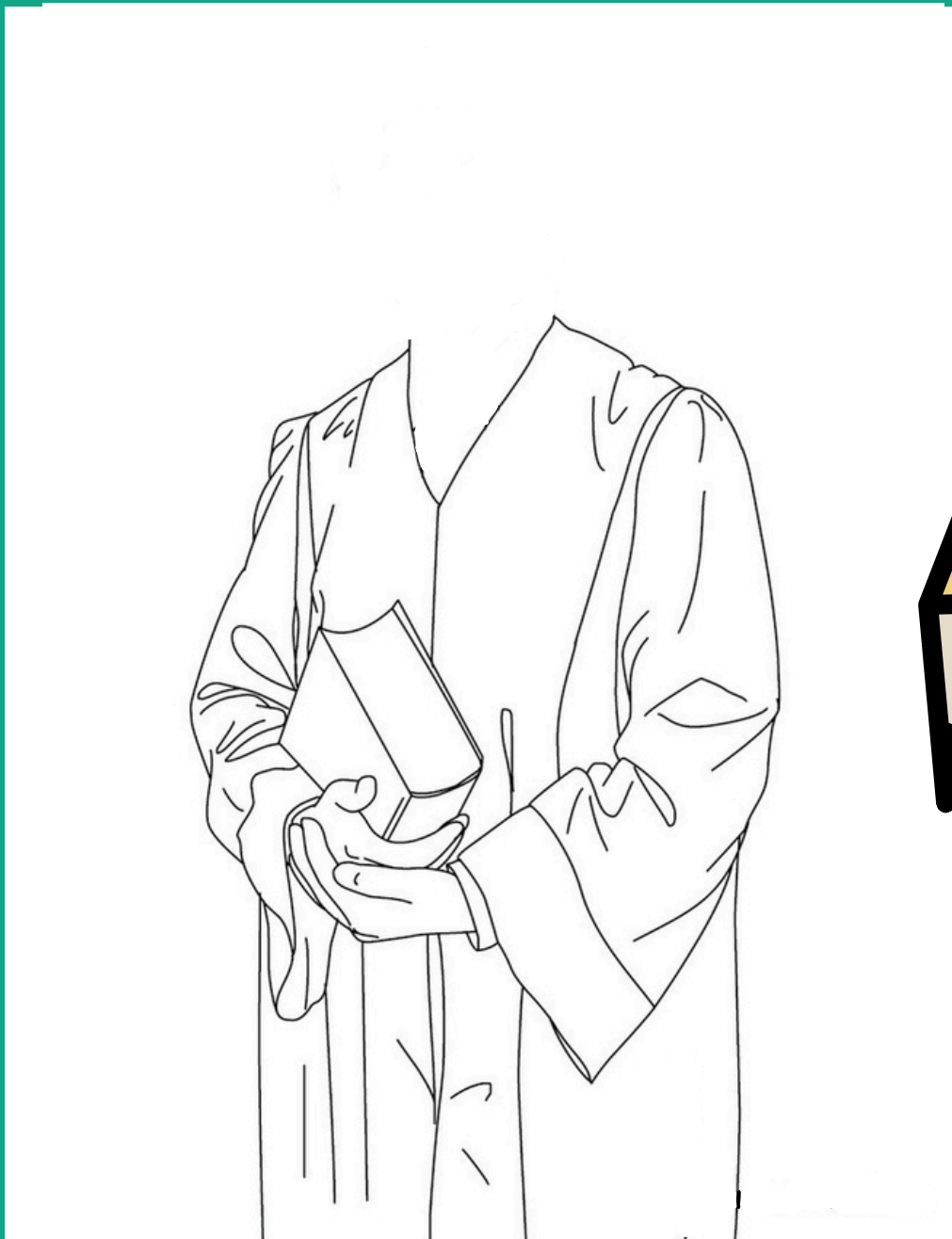
- THERE ARE 31 JUDICIAL DISTRICTS IN KANSAS, EACH WITH A DIFFERENT NUMBER OF JUDGES. THERE IS A DISTRICT COURT IN EACH COUNTY, AND EACH COURT HAS A CLERK OF THE COURT WHERE CASES ARE FILED.

DISTRICT JUDGES

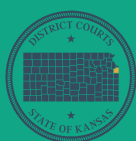
- JUDGES OF THE DISTRICT COURT MUST BE LAWYERS. SOME COUNTIES HAVE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE JUDGES, WHO MAY OR MAY NOT BE LAWYERS, AND WHOSE AUTHORITY IS LIMITED. BY STATE LAW, THERE IS AT LEAST ONE RESIDENT JUDGE IN EACH COUNTY.



DRAW YOURSELF AS A JUDGE!

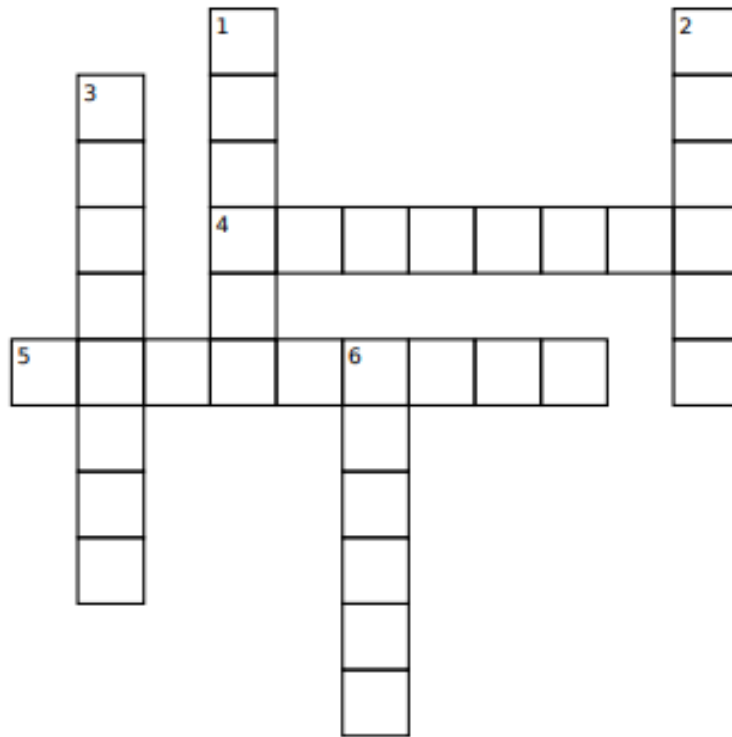


If I was a judge, I would want to



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Johnson County District Courthouse



Down:

1. These people are in charge of court proceedings (cases).
2. These people maintain and file the official records of the court.
3. This person represents and advises others in a court of law.
6. This person provides security to the courthouse, and will escort detainees to and from court.

Across:

4. This person leads a state.
5. This person leads the United States of America.

WORD BANK

governor clerks president deputy attorney judges



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Legal Plain Language



Clerk: A clerk takes in court filings, keeps records, can set court calendars, and process legal paperwork.

Judge: A judge is like a referee in a game. A judge makes sure everyone is playing by the same rules, and that it is fair for everyone. Judges care about facts, not opinions.

Jury: These people listen to all the facts in a trial. Then they talk about the facts and decide whether the person on trial is guilty or not guilty.

Sentence: Consequence (punishment) for a crime if found guilty.

Subpoena: A written order to appear in court.

Trial: This is when parties bring their evidence into court for the judge or jury to consider.

Verdict: This is a decision by a judge or jury in a trial. Guilty or not guilty.



Courthouse Word Search

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sentence
subpoena
clerk
jury

verdict
judge
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If you had a job at the courthouse, what would you want to be and why? Support your choice with two reasons.

