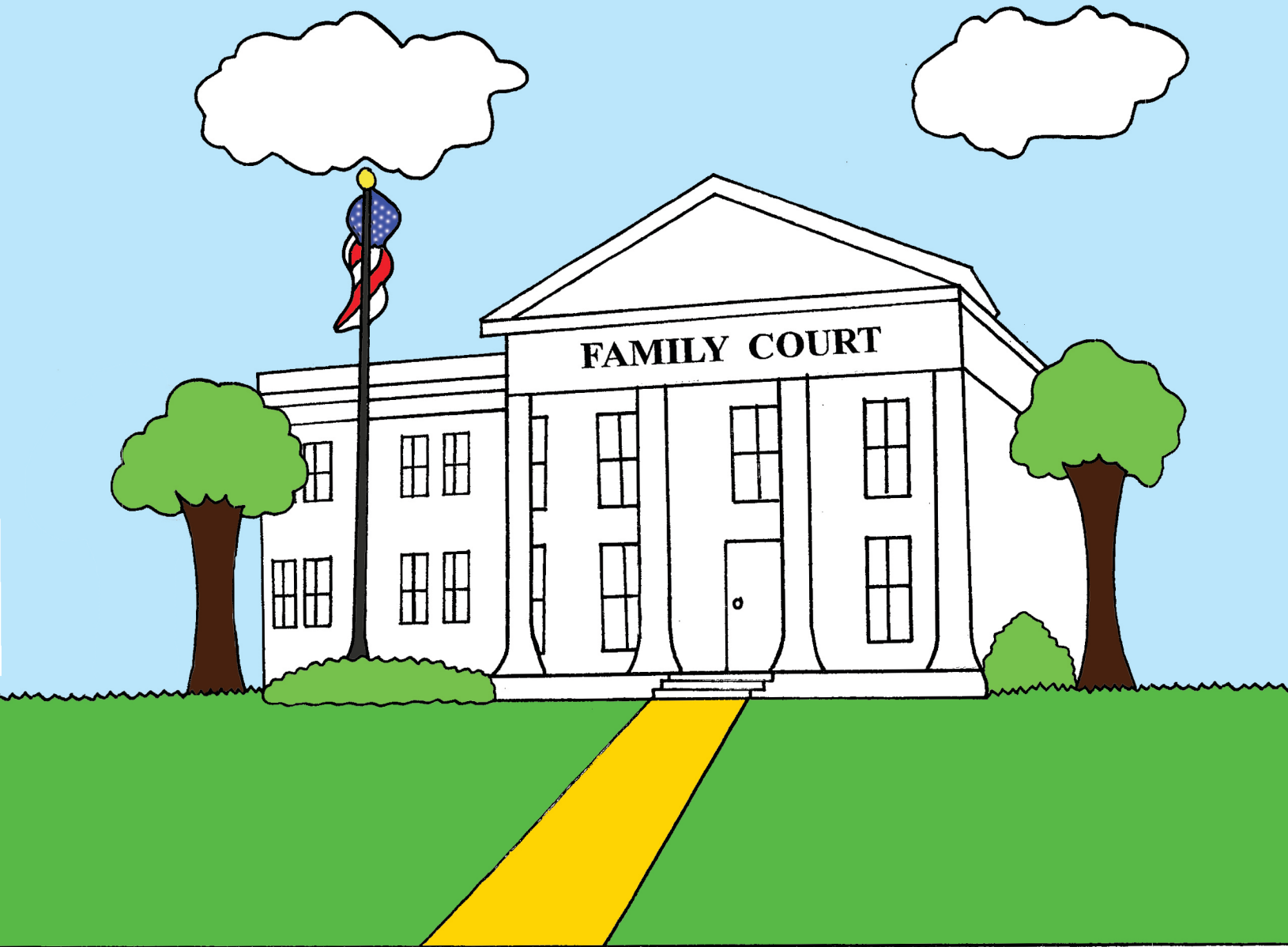


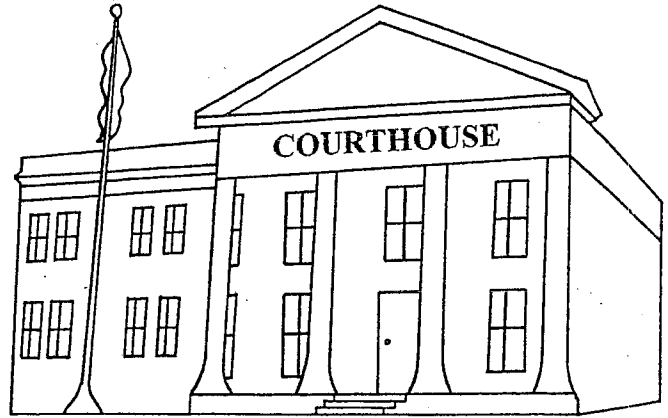
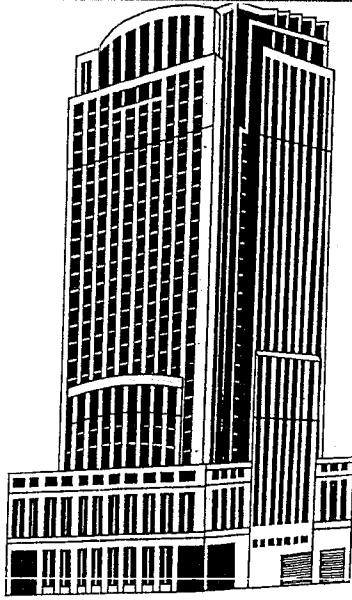
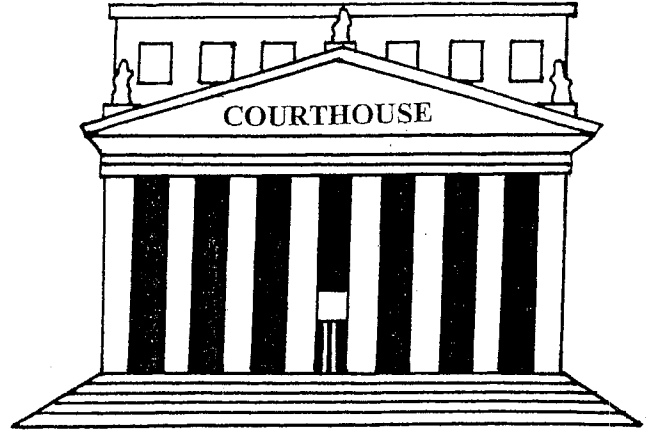
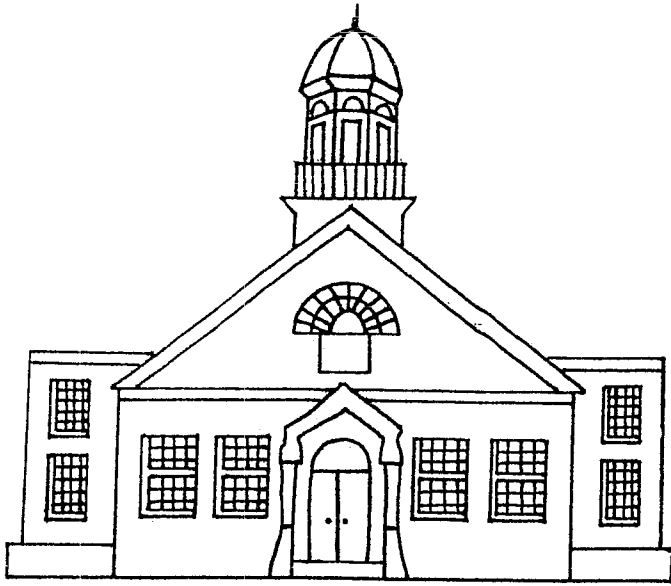
# A VISIT TO FAMILY COURT



A New York State Family Court Coloring and Activity Book

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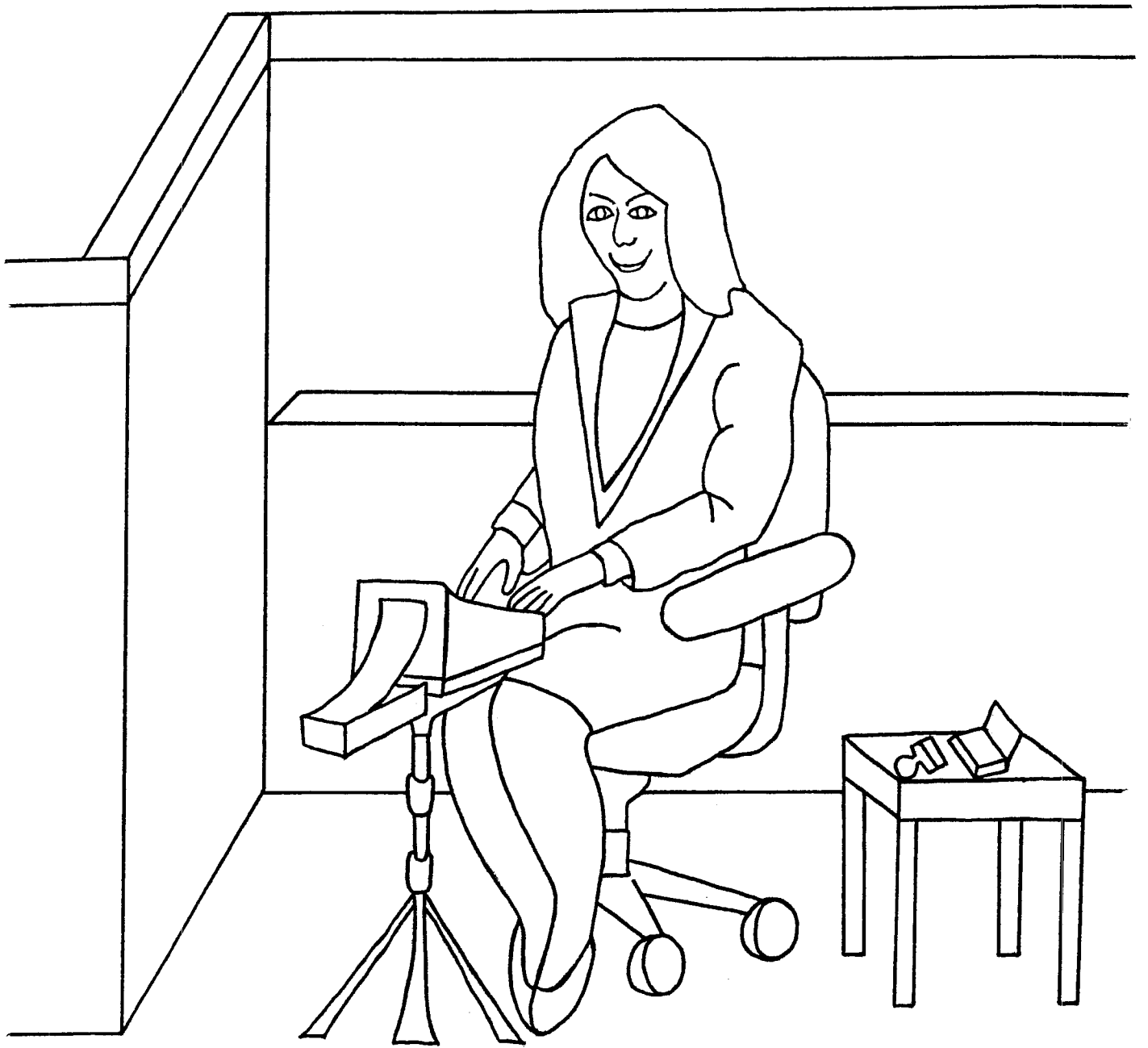
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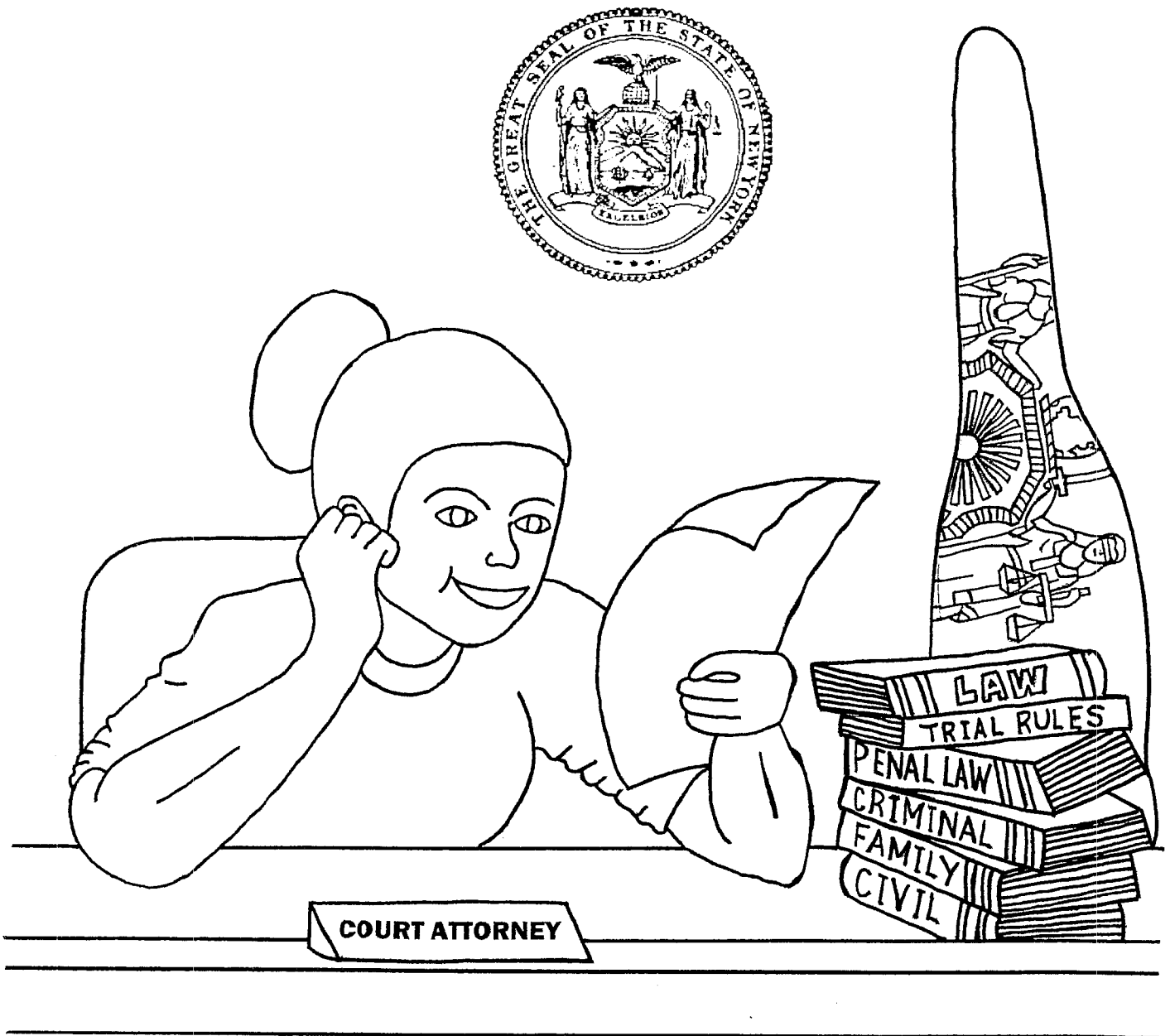
To assist you with your needs you must go to the petitions window. The petitions window will provide you with the proper forms to fill out.



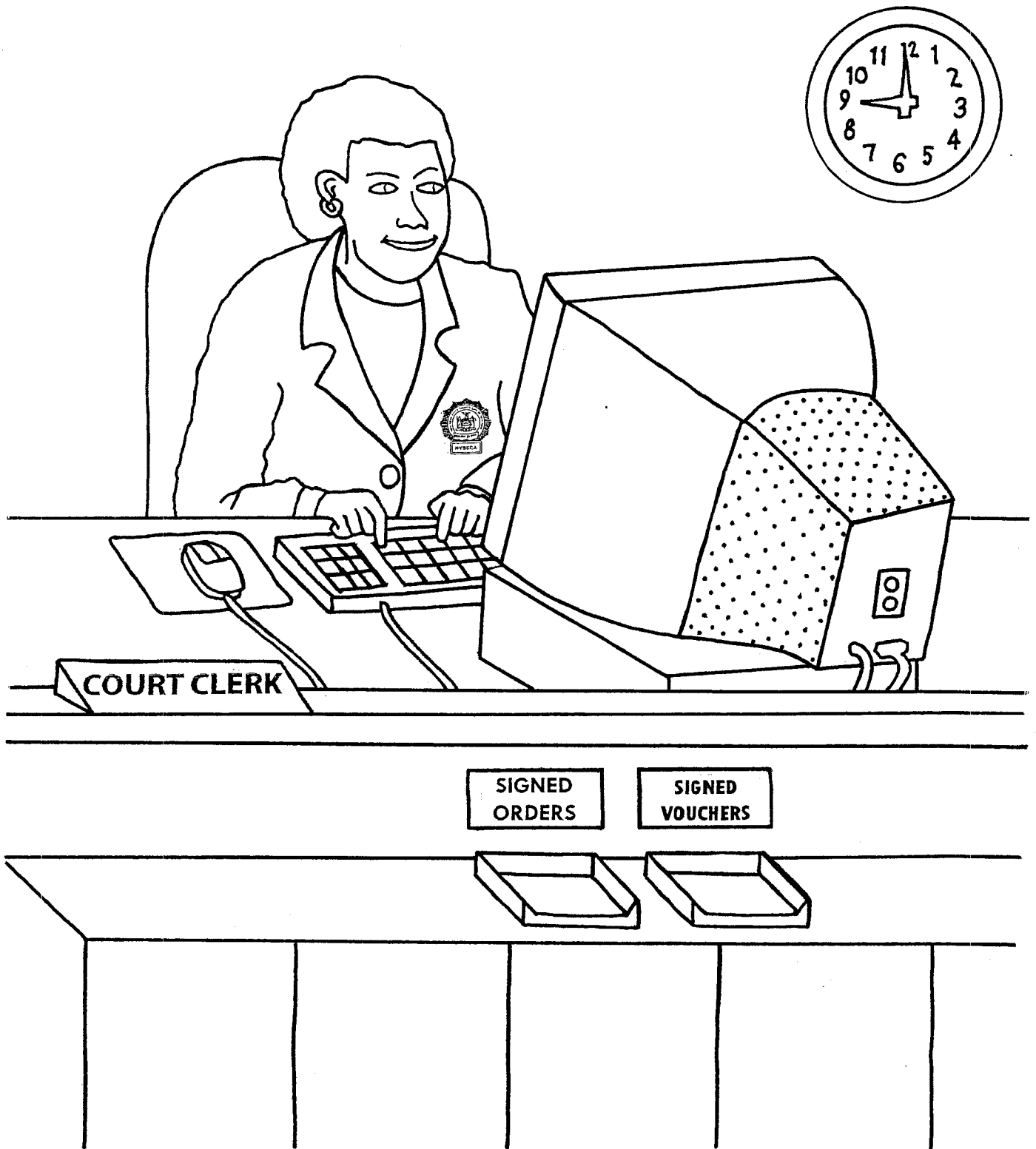
There are lawyers in the court house to give you legal advice and help you with your court case. They represent adults and children in Family Court.



**The court reporter records everything that is said in the court room.**

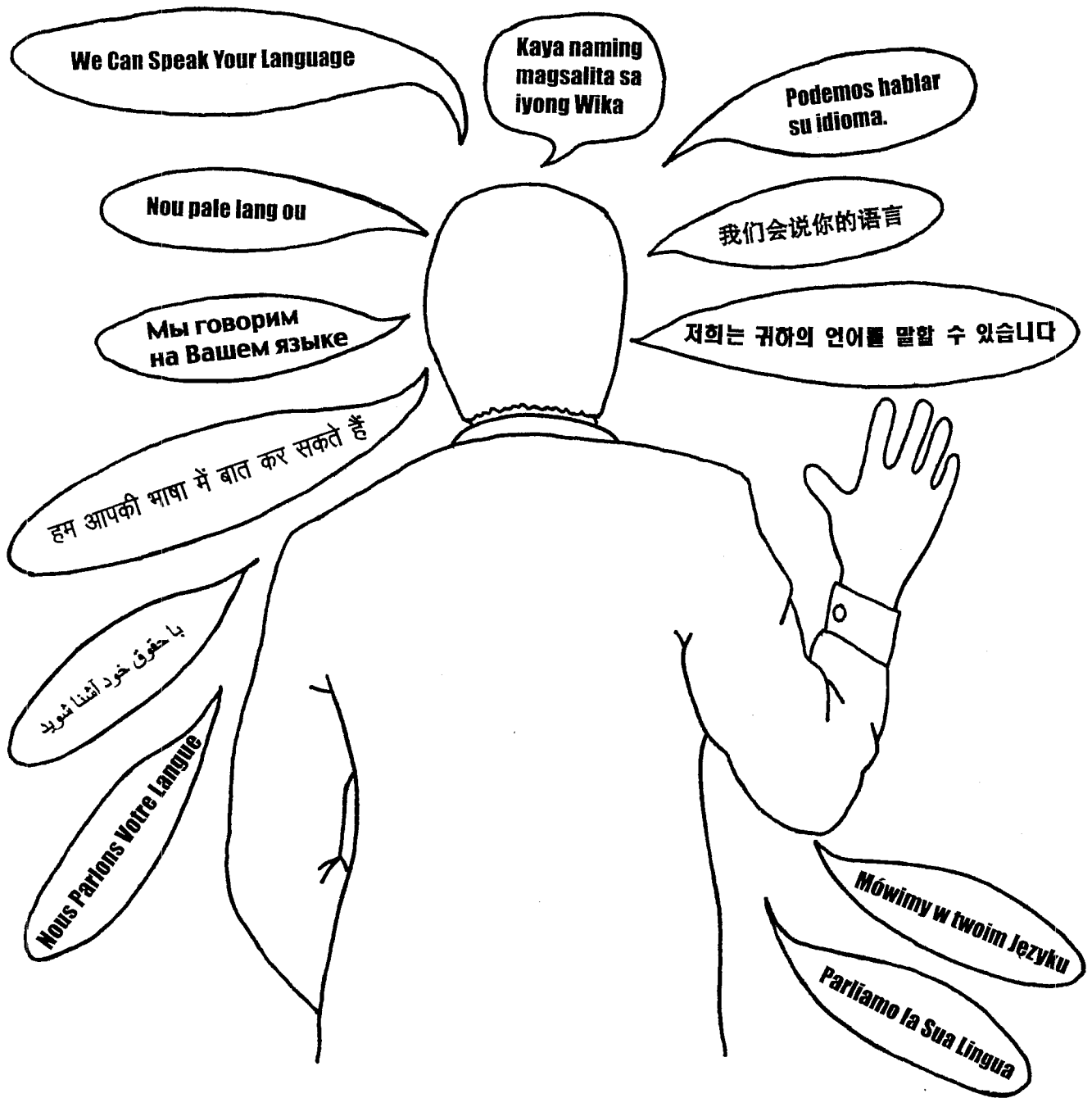


The court attorney reviews laws concerning your case.  
The court attorney gives this information to the  
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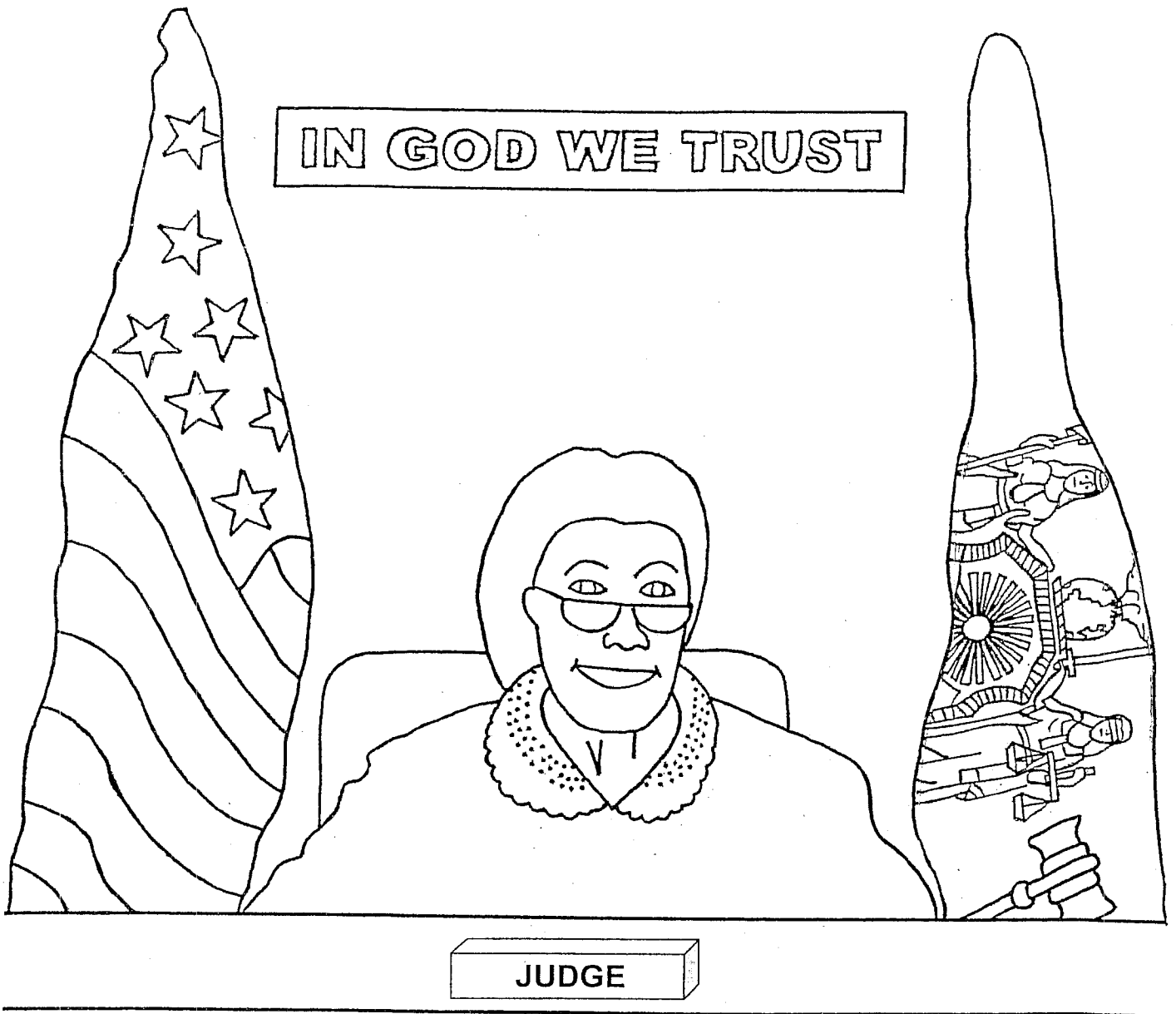


The court clerk sits next to the judge and prepares orders and other court forms for the judge to sign.





**We speak your language. If you do not understand English a court interpreter will interpret what the Judge says.**



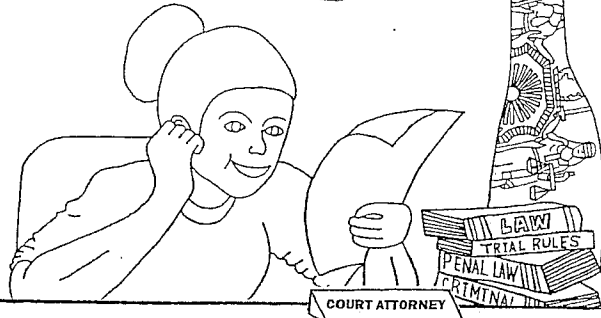
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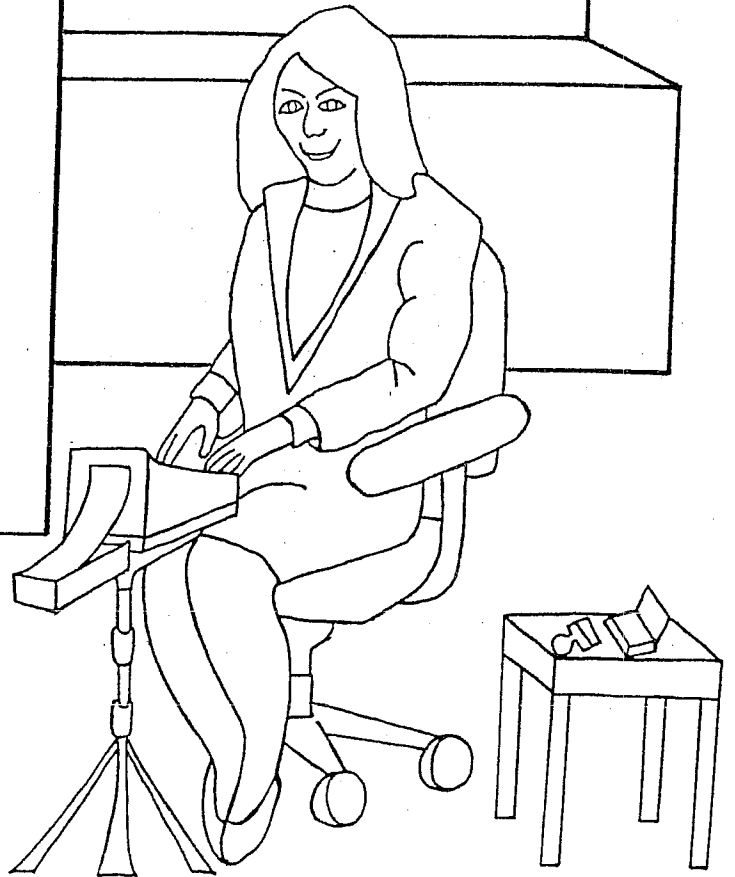
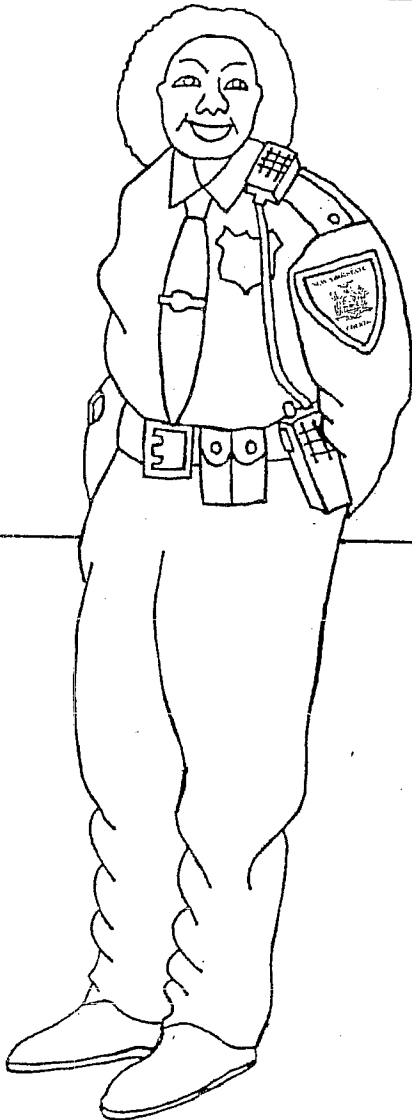
IN GOD WE TRUST



Judge



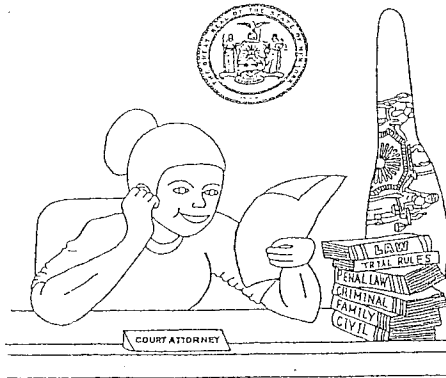
COURT ATTORNEY



# WHAT JOBS THEY DO?

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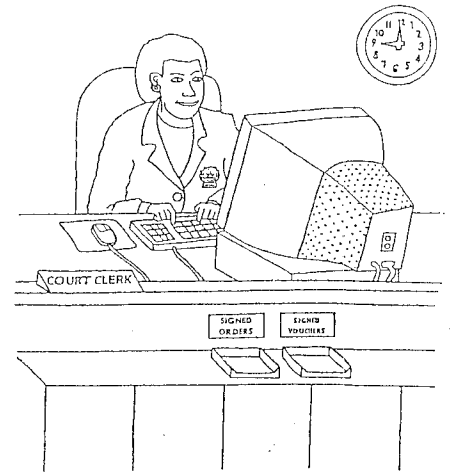
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A) Court Attorney

2. This person writes everything that is said in the courtroom on a stenotype shorthand machine.

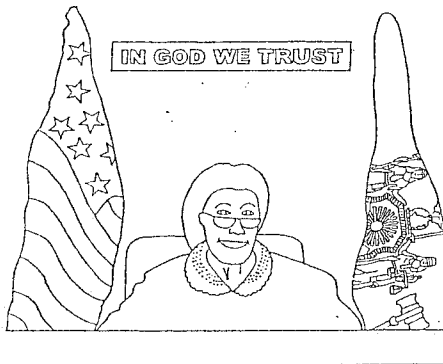
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B) Court Clerk

3. They keep everyone in the courthouse safe. They usually have the answer if you don't know where to go.

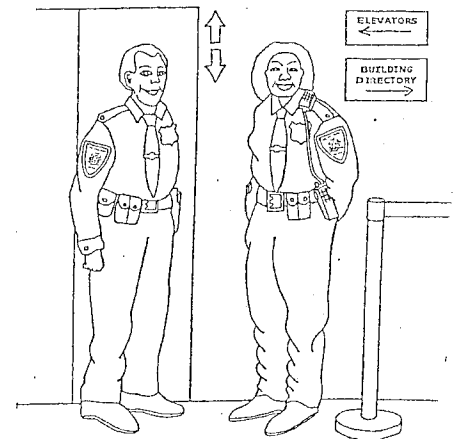
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C) Judge

4. They represent people who have a case in court. They must pass a test called the bar exam.

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D) Court Officers

5. This person wears a black robe and makes sure that everything that happens in the courtroom is fair.

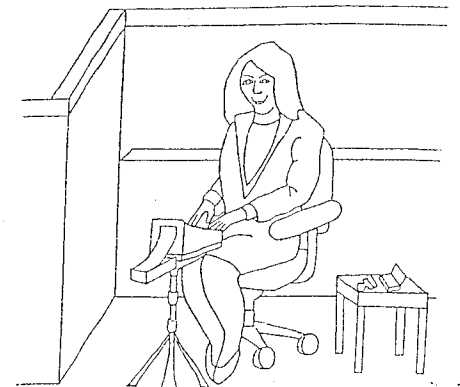
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6. This person confers with lawyers and reviews documents for the judge. This person also helps find answers to difficult legal questions.

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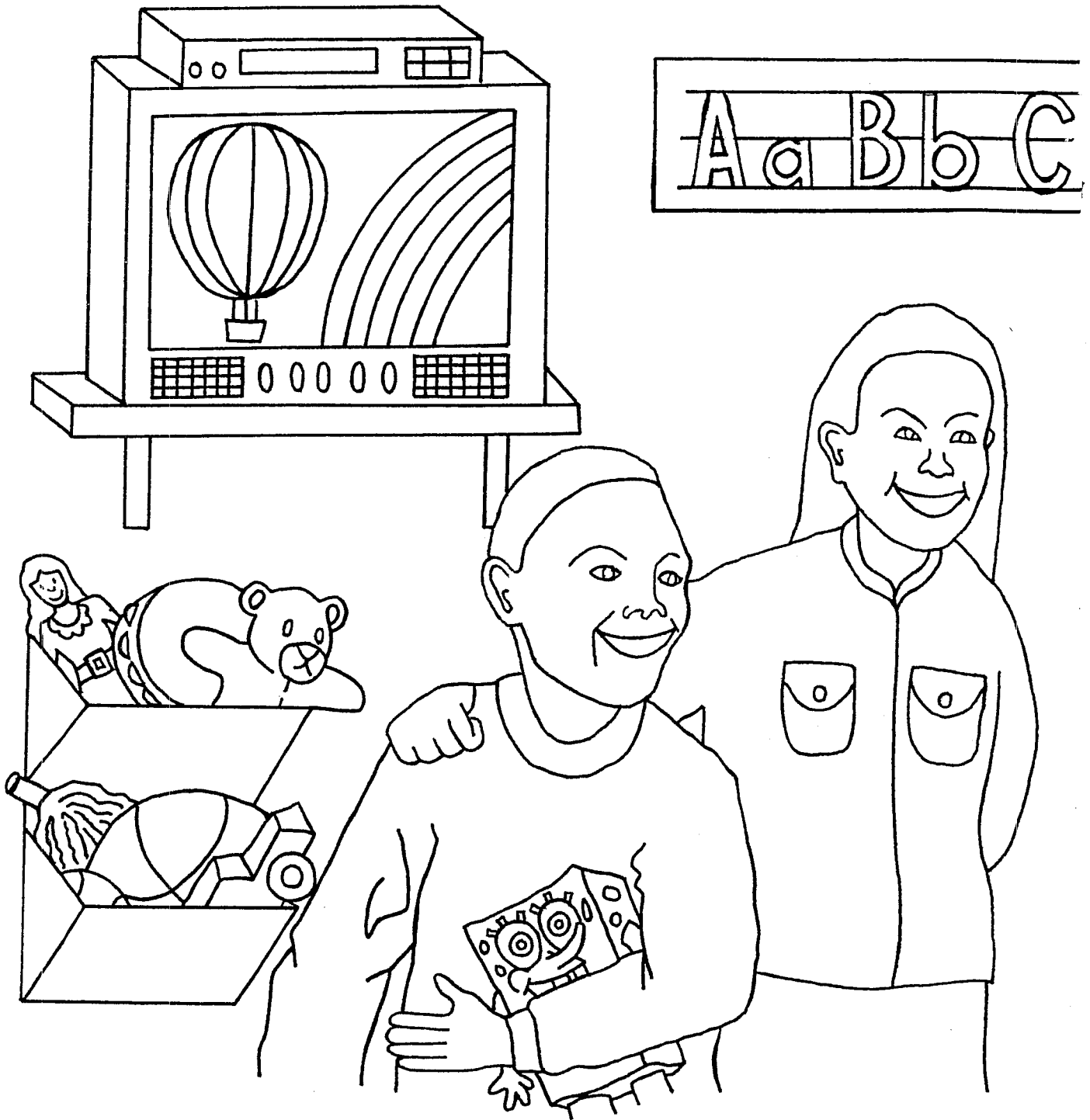


E) Lawyers



F) Court Reporter

Answers:  
1 = B 2 = F 3 = D  
4 = E 5 = C 6 = A



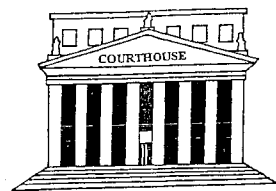
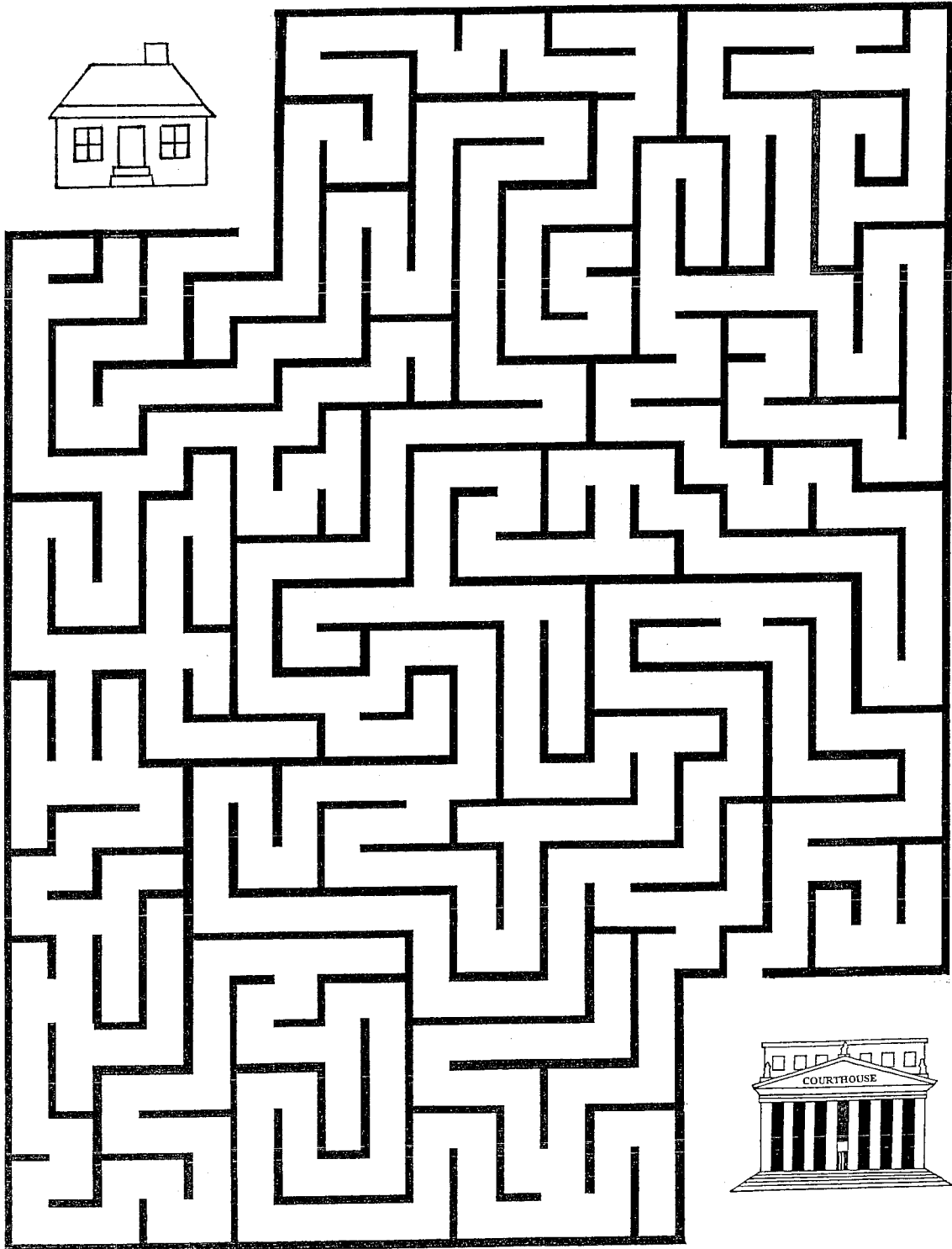
The Children's Center is a place children can stay at and have fun while a court case is going on.

# WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the words below  
(Hint: They are all found in Family Court)

1. RTOUC RECOIFF \_\_\_\_\_
2. EJUDG \_\_\_\_\_
3. RNECHDIL'S ERTNCE \_\_\_\_\_
4. TRCUO ERORPTRE \_\_\_\_\_
5. TIONPETI DOWNIW \_\_\_\_\_
6. RENCHLID \_\_\_\_\_
7. OUCRT ERCLK \_\_\_\_\_
8. SMOFR \_\_\_\_\_
9. TERIRPRETNE \_\_\_\_\_
10. RCTOU MORO \_\_\_\_\_
11. YFAIML \_\_\_\_\_
12. FHATER \_\_\_\_\_
13. SRYWLAE \_\_\_\_\_
14. ERTHMO \_\_\_\_\_
15. FGLA \_\_\_\_\_
16. RUCOMPTE \_\_\_\_\_
17. KDSE \_\_\_\_\_
18. TRCOU NEYROATT \_\_\_\_\_
19. LAGF LEPO \_\_\_\_\_
20. ALWS \_\_\_\_\_

Can you find your way  
to the courthouse?





# MY DAY AT THE COURTHOUSE

Can you find the hidden words?

K S M J R A E E S C S A J Z M O  
A A H U O R D E R S A T R H R S  
H Q O D B O F U E K T E T X T P  
M L U G E F T N R I T R E F P O  
G A V E L F T E G R O J I L L L  
C W X T S I L D O S R R R A U E  
P Y S L W C O P R E N Q O G L P  
P E H E F E E E T K E G G H S A  
U R T I S R C E J N Y H L R T O  
E C H I L D R E N W D D E T O E  
N S S Q T P A R E N T S L S V T  
W L I H R I E Q C L M C A M R O  
C E O E N T O B V Q H R Z G R M  
N N T I T T E N D I G A A D S O  
S N Y G T T R M D D P E W S I D  
I D M I W P K L U R O L R A M R

ATTORNEY

GAVEL

OFFICER

REPORTER

CHILDREN

INTERPRETER

ORDERS

ROBE

CLERK

JUDGE

PARENTS

TRIAL

FLAG

LAWYER

PETITION

WITNESS



New York State Flag

"Excelsior" is Latin for ever upward,  
meaning to reach for ever higher goals.

# New York State: 12 Famous Places

## 1. Niagara Falls

A set of massive waterfalls located on the border between the United States and Canada, Niagara Falls is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest waterfalls in the world next to Victoria Falls in Africa. Besides being a valuable source of hydroelectric power for the entire region Niagara Falls is one of the most popular tourist attractions in the world, drawing over 12 million visitors every year.

## 2. The Erie Canal

Completed in 1825 the Erie Canal links the waters of Lake Erie to the Hudson River, forming a continuous water route from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean. Considered an engineering marvel when it was built, The Erie Canal was an important element in the growth of New York State's population and economy during the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Today it is used mainly for recreational and sightseeing boats.

## 3. Adirondack Park

Created in 1892 to protect water and timber resources in the region. At approximately 6 million acres in size Adirondack Park is bigger than Yellowstone, Grand Canyon, Everglades and Glacier National Parks combined. Located within the park are the Adirondack Mountains. Among the Adirondack's is Mount Marcy, who's peak is the highest point in New York State at 5,344 feet.

## 4. Lake Placid

Located within Adirondack Park, Lake Placid was the site of both the 1932 and 1980 Winter Olympics. It was here in 1980 that the United States hockey team defeated the mighty Soviet Union in the famous "Miracle on Ice" game. The United States beat Finland who two days later to win the gold medal in what many call one of the greatest moments in American sports history.

## 5. Albany

Founded in 1614, Albany is the oldest continuous settlement of the original 13 colonies. Albany became the capital of New York State in 1797. Construction on the states capital building began in 1867 and was not completed until 1899. The Albany skyline features The Egg, a performing arts venue located in Empire State Plaza that looks like an egg.

## 6. Kingston / Rhinebeck

Kingston became the first capital of New York State in February of 1777. There are many stone houses from this era still standing today throughout Kingston. The first session of the state Supreme Court was held in Kingston. Just across the river in Rhinebeck is the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome, a living museum of antique aviation that features one of the largest collections of early airplanes in the world.

## 7. Hudson Valley Region

Besides its many scenic and historic sites, the Hudson Valley region is known for its apple orchards. New York State is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest apple producing state in the country with more than 25 million bushels produced every year. Most of those apples come from the many orchards located throughout the Hudson Valley Region. The apple was adopted as the official state fruit in 1976.

## 8. Montauk Point Lighthouse

Built in 1792 on orders of George Washington and located on the easternmost point of New York State. The Montauk Point lighthouse was the first lighthouse in New York State and remains the 4<sup>th</sup> oldest active lighthouse in the United States today. On a clear day you can see Connecticut and Rhode Island from the Montauk Point lighthouse.

## 9. New York City

With more than 8 million residents it is the most densely populated city in North America. New York City was the first capital of the United States when George Washington took his oath of office here in 1789. Today New York City is home to Wall Street, Broadway, Carnegie Hall and Central Park among other famous attractions.

## 10. United States Military Academy

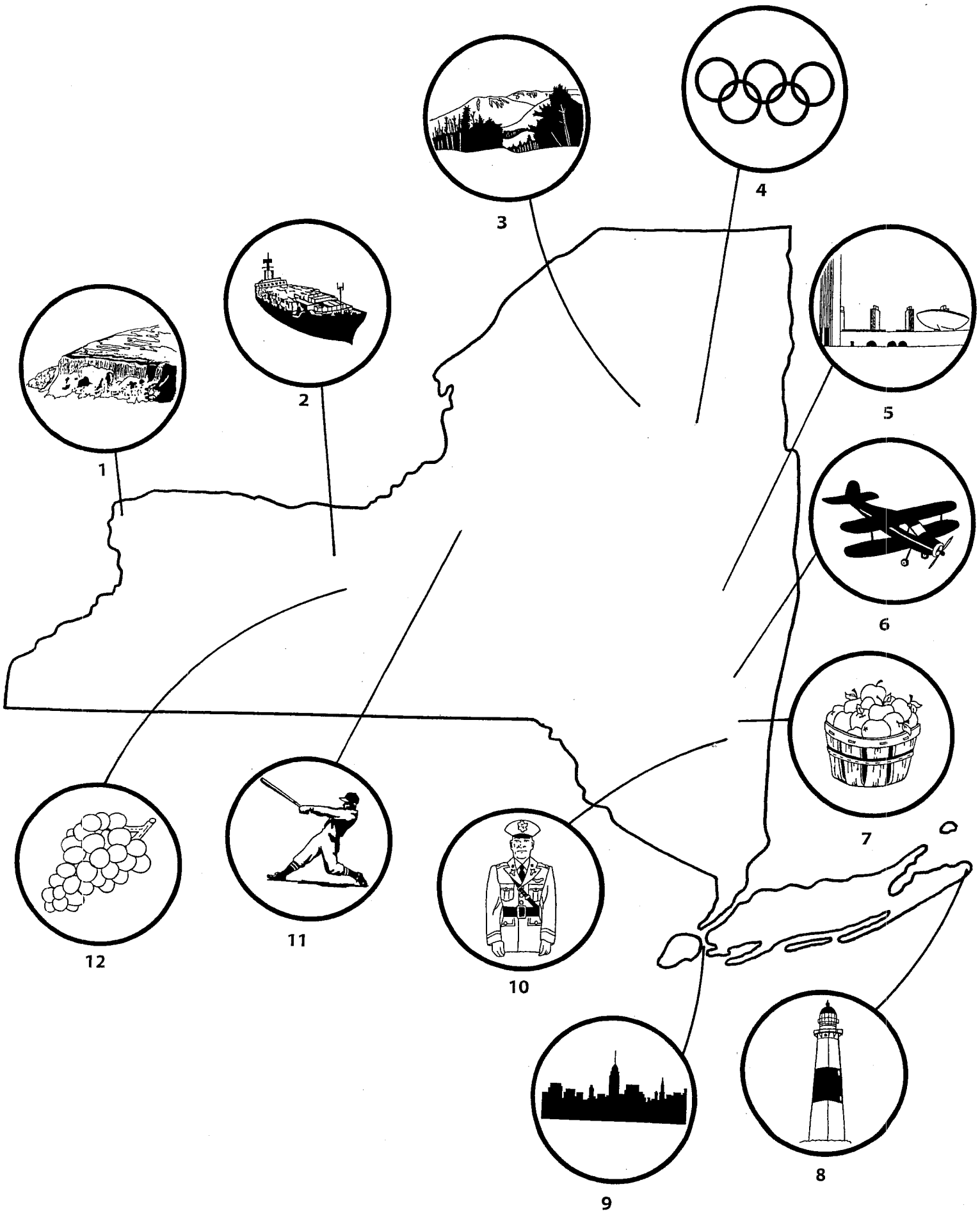
Located at West Point, New York. And overlooking the Hudson River, it is often referred to as "West Point". Established in 1802 it is the oldest military academy in the United States. Among those who have graduated from Westpoint are Generals Robert E. Lee, Ulysses S. Grant, Douglas MacArthur and George S. Patton.

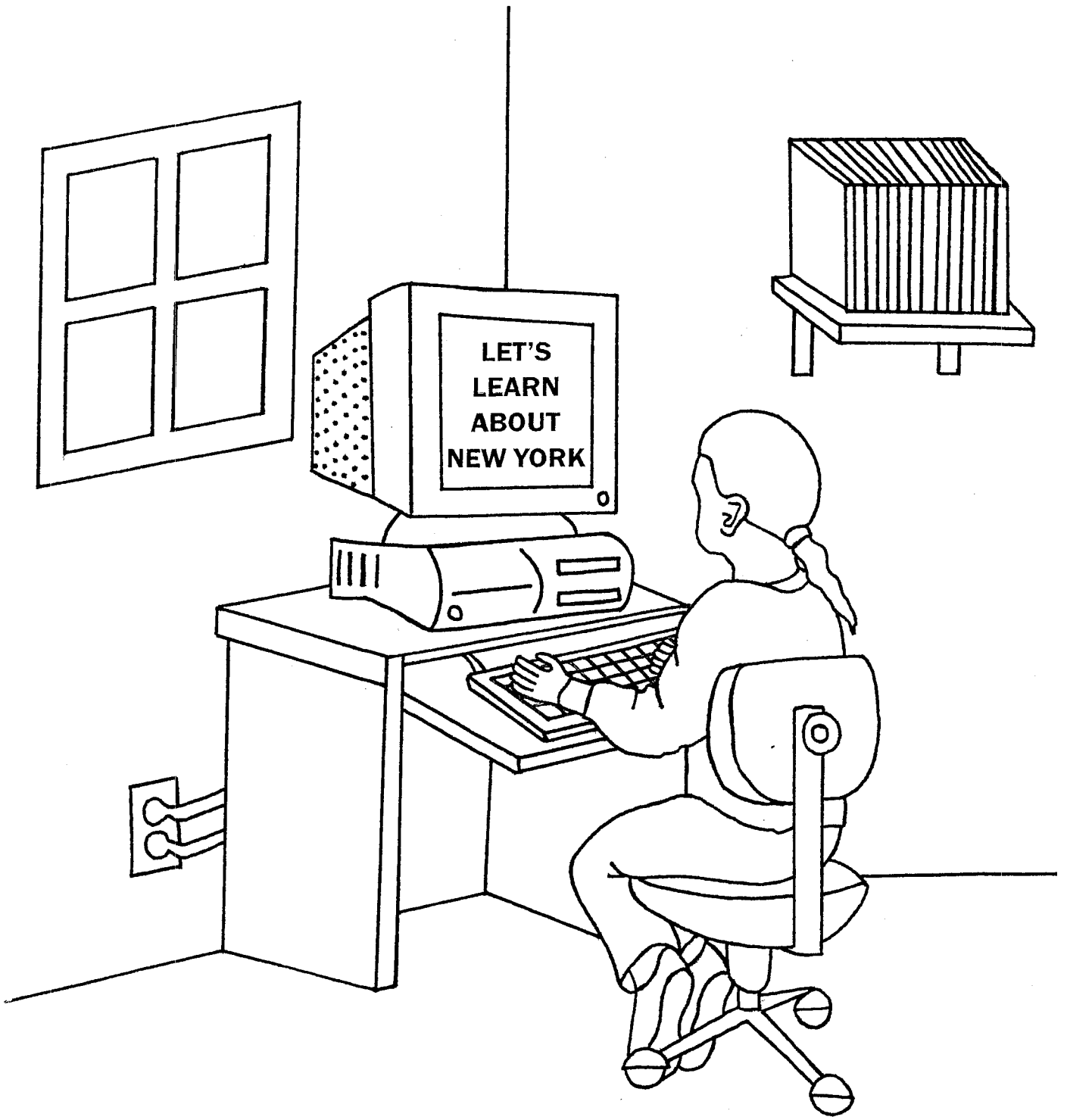
## 11. Cooperstown

Some people say that baseball was invented here by Abner Doubleday in 1839. Cooperstown has been the home of the Baseball Hall of Fame Museum since it opened in 1939. The Farmer's Museum and the Fenimore Art Museum are also located in Cooperstown.

## 12. Finger Lakes Region

New York State is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest grape producing state and the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest wine producing state in the country. The Finger Lakes Region is New York State's largest wine producing region with more than seventy wineries producing more than 100 million bottles of wine every year. Historic sites as well as natural attractions make this region a favorite vacation destination throughout.





## Fun Facts

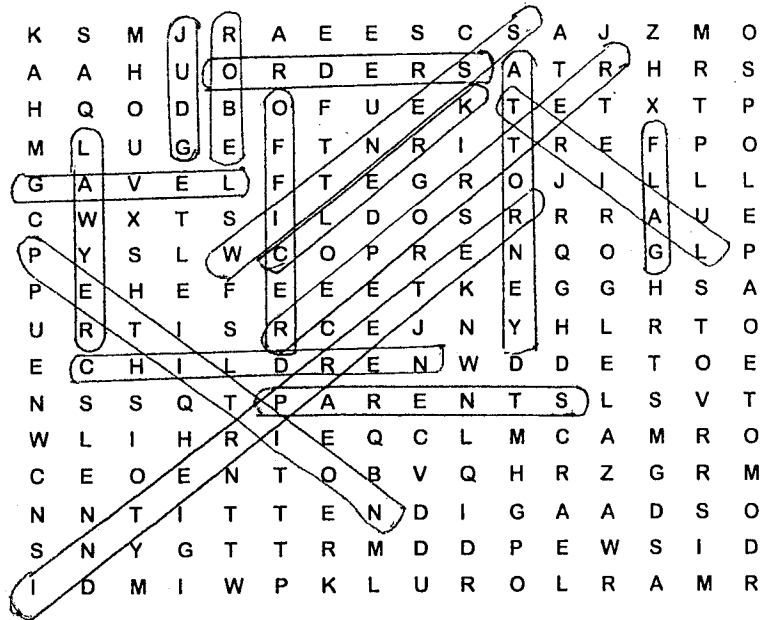
- ◆ In 1961 the Constitution of New York State was amended to provide for the establishment of a court with jurisdiction over all aspects of family life.
- ◆ New York State Family Court began operations on September 1, 1962.
- ◆ Prior to the Family Court, New York State had established a separate Children's Court in 1922.
- ◆ In 1853, the Children's Aid Society was founded to "rescue" immigrant children from the streets and poorhouses.
- ◆ New York harbor was first visited by Giovanni de Verrazzano in 1524, and the Hudson River was first explored by Henry Hudson in 1609.
- ◆ The Dutch settled here in 1642 and called the colony New Netherland. It was conquered by the English in 1664 and renamed New York in honor of the Duke of York.
- ◆ New York remained a colony of Great Britain for over a century until declaring its independence on July 9, 1776, becoming one of the original states.
- ◆ Approximately one-third of the Revolutionary war was fought on New York State soil. The Battle of Saratoga was a turning point of the war, which led to eventual victory.
- ◆ New York City was the first capital of the United States and it was here in New York City that George Washington was inaugurated as President on April 30, 1789.
- ◆ There are 4,000 lakes and ponds in New York State.
- ◆ It is 310 miles from New York State's northernmost point to its southernmost point.
- ◆ It is 440 miles from New York State's easternmost point to its westernmost point.
- ◆ With over 18,000 cattle farms throughout the state, dairy farming is New York State's biggest farming activity. Milk was adopted as the state beverage in 1981.
- ◆ The state tree is the sugar maple and the state flower is the rose.
- ◆ The state insect is the ladybug, the state bird is the bluebird, the state animal is the beaver and the state fish is the brook trout.
- ◆ The name "The Big Apple" was given to New York City by jazz musicians in the 1930's. When talking about the places to play, they would say "there are a lot of apples on the tree, but a gig in New York City is the big apple."
- ◆ There are 6,374.6 miles of street and 722 miles of subway track in New York City.
- ◆ The first pizzeria in the United States was opened in New York City in 1895.

ANSWERS:

Family Court Word Scramble

1. Court Officer
2. Judge
3. Children's Center
4. Court Reporter
5. Petition Window
6. Children
7. Court Clerk
8. Forms
9. Interpreter
10. Court Room
11. Family
12. Father
13. Lawyers
14. Mother
15. Flag
16. Computer
17. Desk
18. Court Attorney
19. Flag Pole
20. Laws

Word Search (My Day at Family Court)



Maze (Can you find your way to the Court house)

*can you find your way  
to the courthouse?*

