

<b>English Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Farsi Translation</b>
acquit (to)	what a jury or judge sitting without a jury does at the end of a criminal trial if the jury or judge finds the accused defendant not guilty	
acquitted	relieved from a charge or crime; declared not guilty	
adjourn	a time to bring a meeting to a temporary close so the participants can take part in some other activity	
administer (an oath)	to give or present (something) officially or as part of a ceremony	
admonition	authoritative counsel or warning	
adoption	to take on the legal responsibilities as parent of (a child that is not one's biological child)	
affidavit of insolvency	a written statement, confirmed by oath or affirmation, in which the signer declares they are insolvent, or unable to pay their debts	
against the will	involuntary	
aggravated child abuse	intentional infliction of severe physical or mental injury upon a child	
alibi	a claim or piece of evidence used by a person accused or suspected of a crime, commonly to demonstrate that they were elsewhere when the crime was committed	
alimony	support paid by one ex-spouse to the other as ordered by a court in a divorce (dissolution) case	
allegation	a statement of claimed fact contained in a complaint, a criminal charge or an affirmative defense	
alleged	(of an incident or a person) said, without proof, to have taken place or to have a specified illegal or undesirable quality	

alternate juror	a juror selected in the same manner as a regular juror who hears all the evidence but does not help decide the case unless called on to replace a regular juror	
appeal	to ask a higher court to reverse the decision of a trial court after final judgment or other legal ruling	
appear	for a party or an attorney to show up in court	
approach the bench	an attorney's movement from the counsel table to the front of the bench in order to speak to the judge off the record and/or out of earshot of the jury	
arraignment	proceeding at which the defendant is officially called before the court, informed of the offense charged and asked to enter a plea	
arrest	to take or hold a suspected criminal with legal authority, as by a law enforcement officer	
arrest warrant	a judge's order to law enforcement to arrest and bring to jail a person charged with a crime	
arson	the criminal act of deliberately setting fire to property	
assailant	a person who physically attacks another	
assault with a deadly weapon	a physical attack using an item designed, made or adapted to inflict death or serious injury	
assaulted	physically attacked	
assert (one's innocence)	to state on the record that one has not committed the crime for which they are charged	
asylum application	the process by which people who face persecution, torture or even death in their	

	home country seek protection in another land	
attempted murder	the crime of trying to kill someone deliberately, intentionally or recklessly, with extreme disregard for human life	
attorney	an agent or someone authorized to act for another	
attorney general	in each state and the federal government, the highest ranking legal officer of the government	
audience	a formal hearing or interview	
bail	the money or bond put up to secure the release of a person who has been charged with a crime	
bailiff	a court official, usually a deputy sheriff, who keeps order in the courtroom and handles various errands for the judge and clerk	
bankruptcy	a federally authorized procedure by which a debtor (an individual, corporation or municipality) is relieved of total liability for its debts by making court-approved arrangements for their partial repayment	
battery	the intentional striking of someone, with intent to harm, or in a "rude and insolent manner" even if the injury is slight	
bench	the location where a judge sits while in court, often a raised desk in a courtroom	
bench trial	a trial without a jury, in which the judge serves as the fact-finder	
best interest	as a child rights principle, says all actions necessary should be taken to provide for the best circumstances for a child	

beyond a reasonable doubt	part of all jury instructions in all criminal trials, in which the jurors are told that they can only find the defendant guilty if they are convinced "beyond a reasonable doubt" of his or her guilt	
bond	written evidence of debt issued by a company with the terms of payment spelled out, or a sum of money paid as bail	
bond hearing	proceeding to determine what is necessary to ensure a defendant's appearance at trial and whether a bond will be granted	
book/booking	the process by which the police department registers and enters charges against a person believed to have violated the law	
booked	a criminal suspect or offender is "booked" when law enforcement has made an official record of their name and other personal details	
breach of contract	failing to perform any term of a contract, written or oral, without a legitimate legal excuse	
bribery	the crime of giving or taking money or some other valuable item in order to influence a public official (any governmental employee) in the performance of his or her duties	
burglary	the crime of breaking and entering into a structure for the purpose of committing a crime	
carjacking	the criminal taking of a motor vehicle from its driver by force, violence or intimidation.	
chambers	the private office of a judge, usually close to the courtroom	
character witness	a person who testifies in trial on behalf of a person (usually a criminal defendant) as to	

	that person's good ethical qualities and morality both by the personal knowledge of the witness and the person's reputation in the community	
charge (noun)	accusation (of an offense or crime)	
charge (verb)	accuse someone (of an offense or crime)	
charges	in a criminal case, the specific statements of what crime(s) the party is accused contained in the indictment or criminal complaint	
charging affidavit	a written statement, confirmed by oath or affirmation, which lists the charges against the defendant	
child support	court-ordered funds to be paid by one parent to the custodial parent of a minor child after divorce or separation	
citation	a notice to appear in court	
city ordinance	a law usually found in a code of laws for a political division smaller than a state (municipality, county, parish, etc.)	
civil division	the courts related to private, civilian and business matters	
clerk	an official or employee who handles the business of a court or a system of courts, or a young lawyer who assists a judge or senior attorney	
closing arguments	the final argument by an attorney on behalf of the client after all evidence has been produced for both sides	
commission of crime	action of committing a crime or offense	
community service	a sentencing option for persons convicted of crimes in which the court orders the defendant to perform a number of hours of unpaid work for the benefit of the public	

compensation (monetary)	payment for work performed, by salary, wages, commission or otherwise; it can include giving goods rather than money	
complaint	the first document filed with the court by a person or entity claiming legal rights against another	
constitutional rights	rights given or reserved to the people by the US Constitution, and in particular, the Bill of Rights	
contempt of court	being rude or disrespectful to the judge or other attorneys or causing a disturbance in the courtroom, particularly after being warned by the judge; also, willful failure to obey an order of the court	
continuance	a postponement of a date of a trial, hearing or other court appearance	
convict (to)	to find guilty of a crime after a trial	
conviction	a formal declaration that someone is guilty of a criminal offense	
counsel (noun)	the lawyer or lawyers conducting a case	
counsel (verb)	provide legal advice	
counsel table	the table at which attorneys, defendants and plaintiffs sit during the court proceedings	
court	a tribunal presided over by a judge in civil and criminal cases	
court (state/federal)	state courts enforce the laws, rules and regulations of a given state and apply the state's own Constitution; federal courts are established under the authority of the federal government, try both civil and criminal cases, and ensure that the rights provided to citizens by the US Constitution are protected	
Supreme Court	the highest court in the country, established by the founding fathers in the US	

	Constitution, having ultimate judicial authority within the US to interpret and decide questions of federal law	
court clerk	the person responsible for various administrative and ministerial duties in conjunction with the court they serve	
court interpreter	the person sworn at a judicial proceeding to translate oral or written language into another language	
court order	an official proclamation by a judge that defines the legal relationships between parties to legal proceedings	
court reporter	a stenographer who makes a verbatim record and transcription of court proceedings	
courthouse	a building housing judicial courts	
courtroom	a room in which the proceedings of a court are held	
crime	an act committed in violation of the law	
criminal background	a history of criminal activity including arrests and convictions	
criminal case	a case in which the government brings legal action against a person for committing a crime	
criminal division	the agency that develops, enforces and supervises the application of all criminal law and is headed by an attorney general	
criminal mischief	the purposeful or reckless damaging of another's property in a way that causes loss or endangerment	
criminal offense	any violation of the law, violent or nonviolent	
cross-examination	the questioning by a lawyer of a witness who has already been questioned by the opposing side	

custody	the care and control of a thing or person for inspection, preservation or security	
custody (to be in)	a situation when there has been a formal arrest or when there has been a restraint on freedom as with a formal arrest	
deadly weapon	a firearm or any object designed, made, or adapted for the purposes of inflicting death or serious physical injury	
death penalty	The sentence of execution for murder and some other capital crimes (most serious crimes)	
defendant (civil)	the person or entity that is sued in a civil case	
defendant (criminal)	the accused in a criminal action who has the right to testify in their defense or refuse to do so	
defense	the case presented by or on behalf of the defendant	
defense attorney	the lawyer representing the defendant	
defense presentation of evidence	portion of the trial during which the defense team presents evidence to support their argument	
defense rests	the defense attorney or team of attorneys has finished their argument	
defense table	table at which the defendant and defense team sit	
deliberate (to)	the process by which jurors discuss evidence presented in a case in order to unify their opinions and reach a consensus on the issues to be decided	
dependency	a relationship between two persons wherein one relies on the other for their support or necessities	
deportation proceedings	the process by which an immigrant is removed from a country often due to crimes	

	committed or a threat posed by the immigrant	
deposition	an out of court sworn testimony of a witness that is reduced in writing for later use in court for discovery purposes	
deputy	a person delegated or authorized by an official to act in place of another and always acts in the name of their principal	
direct examination	primary questioning of a witness during a trial that is conducted by the side for which that person is acting as a witness	
dismiss (a charge)	a decision by the court prior to trial or before a verdict is reached that terminates the proceedings against the defendant	
disorderly conduct	conduct that disturbs the peace or endangers the morals, health or safety of a community	
divorce	the legal termination of a marriage by a court in a legal proceeding requiring a petition or complaint for divorce by one party	
DNA evidence	DNA found in physical evidence such as blood , hair and semen	
domestic violence	the crime of assault where the victim is a current or former spouse, parent, child, present or former household member, or is currently or has formerly had a romantic relationship with the defendant	
drug trafficking	the sale and distribution of illegal drugs	
DUI	driving under the influence, the act of operating a vehicle after consuming alcohol or other drugs	
DWI	driving while intoxicated, the offense of operating a vehicle after consuming enough alcohol to raise the blood alcohol level above the legal limit	

elliptical language	speech or writing difficult to understand because more is meant than is actually said	
embellishment	to add details extra details or features	
enter a plea	to state "guilty," "not guilty" or "no contest" at the arraignment portion of criminal proceedings	
entitled	to grant a legal right to or qualify for; to furnish with a right or claim to something	
estate	all the possessions of one who has died and are subject to probate administration supervised by the court and distributed to heirs and beneficiaries	
evidence	information used to establish the facts in a legal investigation or as testimony in court	
exhibit	a document or object produced for the inspection of the court or shown to a witness when giving evidence	
expert witness	a specialist in a subject (often technical) who presents their expert opinion on the case	
eyewitness	individual who was present during an event and can bear witness to the fact	
facts	something that has already been done, something held to be true; an incident, act, event or circumstance	
felony	a serious offense for which a sentence to a term of imprisonment in excess of one year is authorized (e.g., murder, rape, burglary)	
field sobriety test	test performed during a traffic stop in order to determine if a driver is impaired	
file a lawsuit	to bring an action before a court by one party against another	
file charges	to initiate legal action through formal procedures	

finding (of fact)	the process by which the facts relevant to a dispute are determined by a neutral third party	
fine	a sum of money exacted as punishment for an offense	
first appearance	a defendant's initial appearance before a judge within a few hours of their arrest	
for the record	so that the true facts are recorded or known	
foreclosure (mortgage)	the procedure by which a party who has loaned money secured by a mortgage or deed of trust on real property forces the sale of the property in order to recover the money due after the debtor fails to make payment	
forensic technician	someone who helps investigate crimes by collecting and analyzing physical evidence	
gallery	seating for the public and/or press in a courtroom	
grand jury	an impartial panel of citizens who must determine whether reasonable cause or probable cause exists to believe that a crime has been committed	
grand theft	the crime of theft of another's property (including money) over a certain value	
guardianship	a legal relationship created when a person or institution is named in a will or assigned by the court to take care of minor children or incompetent adults	
guilty	a plea of a criminal defendant who does not contest the charges, or the result of a conviction of a crime by way of jury or bench trial	
hearing	a preliminary examination of an accused person, the trial of an equity or custody case,	

	or a session of an investigatory committee or a grand jury at which testimony is taken from witnesses	
holding cell	a jail in a courthouse where accused persons can be confined during a trial	
human trafficking	the crime of displacing people with an aim to exploit them	
I submit to you	to present a document or other object to a person or body for consideration or judgement, or to suggest or argue something	
illegal re-entry	any attempt to enter the US after a person has been removed or deported	
impounded	an object (e.g., a vehicle, goods or documents) that has been seized and taken into legal custody because of an infringement of a law or regulation	
incarceration	the state of being confined in prison	
indictment	a formal accusation of a felony, issued by a grand jury based on a proposed charge, witnesses' testimony and other evidence	
information	an accusation or criminal charge similar to an indictment except that it is brought by the public prosecutor rather than a grand jury	
infringement of a right	a violation or encroachment of a right	
interpreter	a person who translates oral speech from one language into another	
investigation	a formal inquiry or systematic study	
jail	places at the local and county levels where persons are confined who are convicted of a crime or accused of crimes and awaiting trial	
jail time	time served for a crime at the local level, typically for misdemeanors	
judge	a public official appointed to decide cases in a court of law	

judge's chambers	the private office of a judge, usually close to the courtroom	
jurisdiction	the power of the court to hear and render a decision in a given situation	
juror	any person who actually serves on a jury	
jury	a panel of peers from the surrounding community called upon to decide a legal matter	
jury box	a segregated area in which the jury sits in a court of law	
jury charge	the set of legal rules that jurors should follow when the jury is deciding a civil or criminal case	
jury deliberations	portion of a criminal trial during which the jury retires to the jury room to consider the facts of the case and determine a verdict	
jury foreman	a member to the jury selected by the jury or the judge to preside over discussions and votes of the jurors, and often to deliver the verdict	
jury impaneling	the act of selecting a jury from the list of potential jurors	
jury instructions	a set of legal rules, directions or guidelines that a judge renders to a jury with respect to the law of a case	
jury selection	process by which the jury is selected	
justice	just behavior or treatment; a judge or magistrate, in particular a judge of the supreme court of a country or state	
juvenile delinquency	the violation of a law committed by a minor	
law enforcement agencies	government agencies that are responsible for ensuring obedience of the law (e.g., FBI, DEA)	
law enforcement agent	employee of a law enforcement agency	
law violation	a criminal act	

lawsuit	an action brought before a court of law by one party against another	
lawyer	a person educated in law and who participates as an attorney, counsel or solicitor	
legal issues	those matters related to the law, including civil and criminal proceedings	
legal procedures	a specific course of action; the mechanics of the legal process	
let the record reflect	a request for the true facts are recorded or known	
liability	a financial debt or obligation, or the apportionment of responsibility	
life in prison	any sentence of imprisonment for a serious crime under which the convicted person is to remain in prison for the rest of their life or until paroled	
manslaughter	the crime of killing a human being without malice aforethought, or otherwise in circumstances not amounting to murder	
minutes	the written record of an official proceeding, the notes recounting the transactions occurring at a meeting	
Miranda rights	the rights that a person who is being arrested must be informed of, such as the right to remain silent and the right to legal counsel	
misdemeanor	a criminal offense that is less serious than a felony and generally punishable by a fine, a jail term of up to a year or both	
money laundering	the processing of criminal proceeds to disguise their illegal origin, or promoting an illegal activity with illicit or legal source funds	

most favorable light	viewing a situation in the most favorable or advantageous way possible	
motion for judgment of acquittal	a request (by the defense) for the charges to be dismissed on the ground that the evidence introduced at trial is not sufficient to convict the accused of the crime charged	
motion hearing	a legal proceeding related to a written legal request (a motion) presented to the court	
mug	to attack and rob someone in a public place	
murder	a crime committed with the intention of causing death of another person	
no bill	a grand jury's notation that insufficient evidence exists for an indictment on a criminal charge	
no contest	a plea made by a defendant to a criminal charge allowing the judge to then find them guilty without the defendant admitting guilt	
nolle prosequi	Latin term meaning "we shall not longer prosecute;" a declaration made by a prosecutor in a criminal case or a plaintiff in a civil lawsuit to drop the case against the defendant	
not guilty	a plea entered by a defendant in a criminal or civil case denying blame for the charges brought against them, or a verdict in a criminal trial by a judge (in a bench trial) or by a jury	
notice of appeal	a formal written notice filed with the court, stating that a party intends to appeal a judgment or order	
notice of appearance	a formal notification by an attorney to a court, stating that he or she will be representing one or more parties in the case	

oath	a declaration made according to law, before a competent officer, to tell the truth	
objection	a formal attestation or declaration of disapproval concerning a specific point of law or procedure during the course of a trial	
offense	a minor or major violation of the law	
opening remarks	introductory comments about a case made by an attorney at the beginning of a trial	
opening statement	the explanation by the attorneys for both sides at the beginning of the trial of what will be proved during the trial	
parental rights	rights involving questions of legal and physical custody of a child	
parties (to an action)	an individual person or a legal entity such as a partnership or corporation, described in court as a plaintiff or defendant	
paternity	the quality or state of being a father	
penal code	the set of criminal laws of a particular country, society, etc.	
perjury	the offense of willfully telling an untruth in a court after having taken an oath or affirmation	
permission to approach	phrase used by attorneys to request permission to move towards one part of the court room, usually the judge's bench or the witness stand	
perpetrator	a person who carries out a harmful, illegal or immoral act	
personal property	movable property; belongings exclusive of land and buildings	
petty theft	the crime of theft of another's property (including money) under a certain value	

plaintiff/petitioner	the person who initiates a court action by filing a complaint with the clerk of the court against the defendant	
plea	an accused person's formal response of "guilty," "not guilty" or "no contest"	
plea agreement	an agreement in a criminal case whereby the defendant agrees to plead guilty to a particular charge in return for some concession from the prosecutor	
plea form	a form provided to the defendant which explains the plea options and their consequences	
plea offer	a negotiated agreement between a criminal defendant and a prosecutor in which the defendant agrees to plead "guilty" or "not contest" to some crimes along with conditions in return for reduced or dismissed charges	
podium	a lectern, or stand, between the two counsel tables where lawyers may stand when they argue their case before the judge and jury	
police report	a written document prepared after a crime or accident is reported to law enforcement	
possession	the ownership, control or occupancy of a thing	
possession of a controlled substance	the unlawful possession or distribution of drugs that are regulated by state and federal laws that aim to control the danger of addiction, abuse or physical and mental harm	
possession of less than 28 grams of Cannabis		
postpone a case	a delay or continuance of a date of trial, hearing or other court appearance	

pre-sentence report	the investigation into the history of person convicted of a crime before sentencing	
preside	to be in charge or oversee a trial or other court proceedings	
pre-trial hearing	a meeting in which the opposing attorneys confer with a judge to determine the disposition of a case	
pre-trial release	the release of a person from jail while a criminal case is pending, typically the result of a defendant bonding out of jail	
prison	facilities at both the state and federal levels for housing those convicted of serious crimes with a punishment of at least a year under incarceration	
prison time	the period of time a prisoner is imprisoned	
pro se (litigant)	from the Latin term meaning "for oneself," refers to the process where a party in a case represents themselves	
probable cause	a standard used in justifying certain police actions like searching a person or property	
probate court	specialized courts that possess jurisdiction of probating wills, administering estates, guardianship and adoption	
probation	a sentencing option for less serious crimes wherein people convicted of a crime are not sent to prison, but are subject to a period of good behavior under supervision, or the release of an offender from detention (also subject to good behavior)	
probation officer	a person appointed to supervise offenders who are on probation	

prosecute	to institute legal proceedings against a person or group; to conduct criminal proceedings in court	
prosecution	in criminal law, the government attorney or team of attorneys charging and trying the case against a person accused of a crime	
prosecution presentation of evidence	process by which the prosecution presents the proof for their argument during a trial, including supporting documentation, witness testimony, etc.	
prosecution rests	the prosecution attorney or team of attorneys has finished their argument	
prosecution table	table at which the prosecution attorney or team sits	
prosecutor	generic term for the government's attorney in a criminal case	
public defender	an elected or appointed public official who is an attorney regularly assigned by the courts to defend people accused of crimes who cannot afford a private attorney	
purge	to legally clear away or wipe out an offense or accusation through suitable action	
racketeering	the federal crime of conspiring to organize to commit crimes especially as part of an organized crime operation	
rape	the most serious form of sexual assault punishable by law, with different specific definitions in different states, but broadly defined as sexual intercourse without consent	
rebuttal	evidence introduced to counter, disprove or contradict the opposition's evidence or a presumption, or a responsive legal argument	

record	an official report of the proceedings and judgment in a court	
records (documents)	the capturing of some event or thing so that the information will not be lost	
register	to enter or cause to be entered formally into the record	
release	to free from confinement or obligation	
relief (contractual)	the amount of money and any other right or property awarded to a plaintiff in a lawsuit	
rephrase	to describe or ask differently or more accurately	
request for hearing	a request for a hearing before a judge on any number of matters	
respondent	a party against whom an appeal is brought	
respondent (civil)	the party who responds to a pleading in civil matter	
restraining order	an official command issued by a court to refrain from certain activity	
robbery	the crime of theft with the added element of force or use of a weapon	
ROR	released on one's own recognizance allows a criminal defendant to be released from custody without posting bail	
ruling (unfavorable/favorable)	a judicial or administrative interpretation of a provision of a statute, order or regulation	
sanctions	financial or other penalties imposed by a judge on a party or attorney for violation of court rules	
scene	the place where an incident occurs or occurred	
search warrant	a written order by a judge which permits a law enforcement officer to search a specific place	

search	examine (a place, vehicle or person) thoroughly in order to find something or someone	
seized	something that has been taken into possession by police or or another authority; confiscated	
sentence	the punishment given by a judge to a person convicted of a crime	
sentencing	the phase of criminal proceedings during which a sentence is imposed, following a plea of "guilty" or "no contest" or a verdict of "guilty"	
set a case	the formal announcement of when a case will be heard in court	
set bond	to determine the amount of money to be paid as bail	
shoplifting	the criminal action of stealing goods from a shop while pretending to be a customer	
sidebar conference	a confidential discussion between judges and counsels to resolve legal matter	
small claims	a division of most municipal, city or other lower local courts where claims under a certain dollar amount can be decided upon	
solicitation for prostitution	the act of agreeing or offering to complete a sexual act in exchange for a fee	
source language	a language to be translated into another language	
state	refers to a state in the US, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, a territory or possession of the US, an agency of the state, or entity having governmental duties and powers	

state attorney/prosecutor	a government official who conducts criminal prosecutions on behalf of the state	
state prosecutor's office	the office of the state attorney general who has authority to prosecute criminal offenses under state law	
stenographic machine	a machine used by stenographers (court reporters) to type in shorthand	
subpoena	an order requiring a person to appear in court, or requiring a document or other evidence to be submitted to law enforcement	
summons	a paper issued by a court informing a person that a complaint has been filed against them	
surveillance	the close observation of a person suspected of a crime	
suspect	someone who is under suspicion or formal investigation by law enforcement	
sustain	uphold, affirm or confirm the justice or validity of something	
target language	the language into which a text, document or speech is translated	
tenancy	the possession or occupancy of land under lease or a leasehold interest in real estate	
termination of parental rights	the severing of parent-child relationship by the state	
testify	to give evidence as a witness in a court of law	
testimony	a statement made in a legal proceeding by a witness while under oath	
bar (in courtroom)	the railing which separate the spectators in a courtroom from the lawyers, judge, jury and other court personnel	
Bar, the	the legal profession or lawyers, collectively	

burden of proof	the duty on a party in a case to submit sufficient evidence on an issue in order to avoid dismissal of the claim	
clerk's bench/desk	the location where the court clerk carries out their duties	
jury box	a special enclosure in the courtroom reserved for the jury	
well (of the court)	in the courtroom, the open space between the bench and the counsel tables	
threshold (dollar)	the validity of the amount of damages claimed decided on by a judge at the outset of a case	
time served	the period a criminal defendant has been in jail often while waiting bail or a trial	
swear in	to take part in an official ceremony where a person or group takes an oath of office, allegiance, etc.	
take an oath	to agree to a statement or promise (for example, to telling the truth during a trial)	
tort	a wrongful act, not including a breach of contract or trust, that results in injury to another's person, property, reputation, or the like, and for which the injured party is entitled to compensation	
traffic citation	a notice issued by a law enforcement official to a motorist or other road user, accusing violation of traffic laws	
traffic violation	any violation of vehicle law, can be committed either while the vehicle is moving or not	
transcript	an official written recording of a legal proceeding	
trespassing	a wrongful entry upon the land or property of another	

trial	when parties to a dispute come together and present their information before a court or judge; a formal judicial examination of evidence in civil or criminal matters	
unanimous	agreeing in opinion or being in complete accord or in complete agreement	
undercover	participating in a secret investigation in order to acquire information about a crime	
verdict	the jury's findings or decision on the factual issues of a case	
verdict form/sheet	questions and answer forms designed to guide jurors in reaching a verdict in a civil or criminal case	
victim	a person directly and proximately harmed as a result of the commission of an offense for which restitution may be ordered	
victim's advocate	professionals trained to support victims of crime, who offer victims information, emotional support and help finding resources and filling out paperwork, and sometimes accompany victims in court	
visitations (also known as parenting time)	establishes the visiting time for a non-custodial parent to visit their child	
voir dire	Latin term meaning "to speak or see," the process by which prospective jurors are questioned about their backgrounds and potential biases before being chosen to sit on a jury; also a legal procedure conducted before trial to determine whether or not expert witnesses or court interpreters possesses the qualifications and experience to participate in the proceedings	
waive	to refrain from claiming or insisting on, give up or forgo	

warrant	an instrument, issued by a magistrate, authorizing an officer to make an arrest, seize property, make a search, or carry a judgment into execution	
will	a legal declaration by which a person names one or more persons to manage their estate and provides for the distribution of property after their death	
withdraw a plea	to go back on a previous plea of guilty	
witness	a person who testifies under oath in a trial or a deposition in a lawsuit	
witness stand	part of the courtroom, a chair at the end of the judge's bench where a witness sits and gives testimony	
writ of bodily attachment	an order by the court commanding a sheriff or other official to physically bring before the court a person who is guilty of contempt of court	
wrongful act	any act, misstatement or omission in violation of the law, especially civil law	
Your Honor	the proper way to address a judge in court	