

What Do Lawyers Do?





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Introduction

Law is all around us! In these pages, you will learn some of what lawyers and judges do to support our federal and state constitutions, uphold our laws, and preserve our way of life.

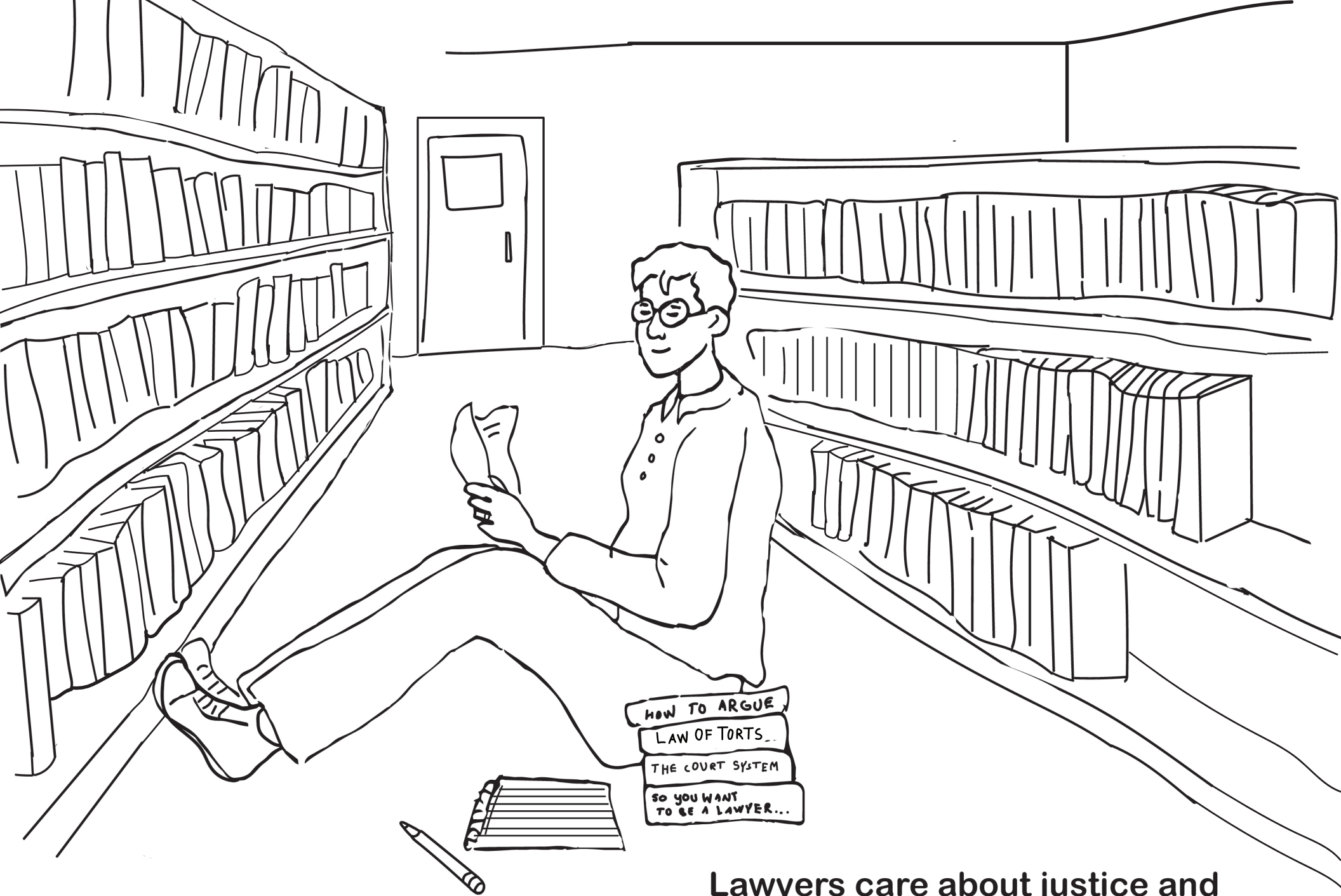
We hope you enjoy coloring these pictures as much as we have enjoyed bringing them to you.

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Lawyers come from all walks of life and have different interests.





**Lawyers care about justice and
want to help people.**

There are different paths to becoming a lawyer after graduating from college.



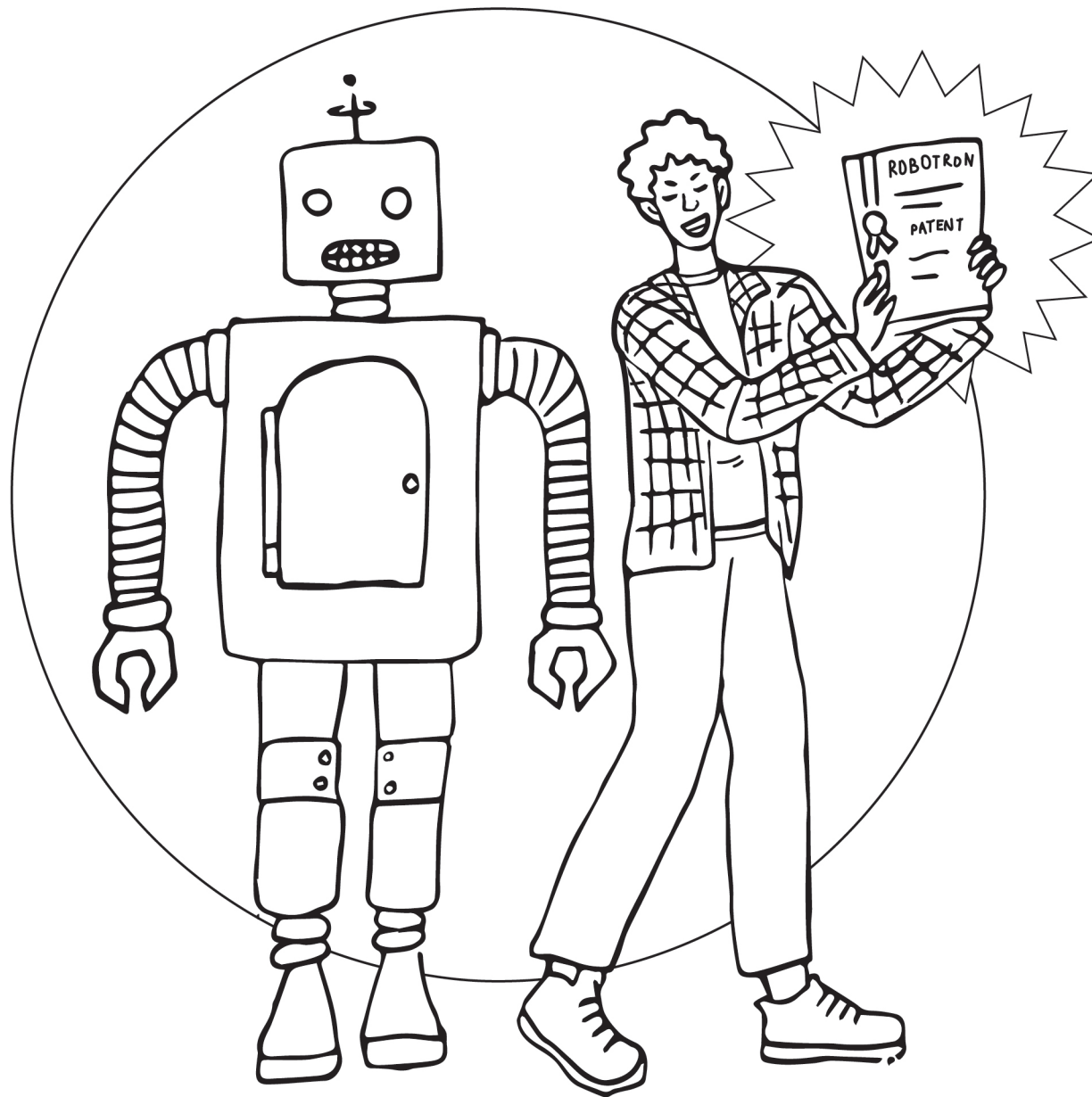
Some students go straight to law school, some work first then go to law school.

Lawyers can help people that have been hurt in an accident.





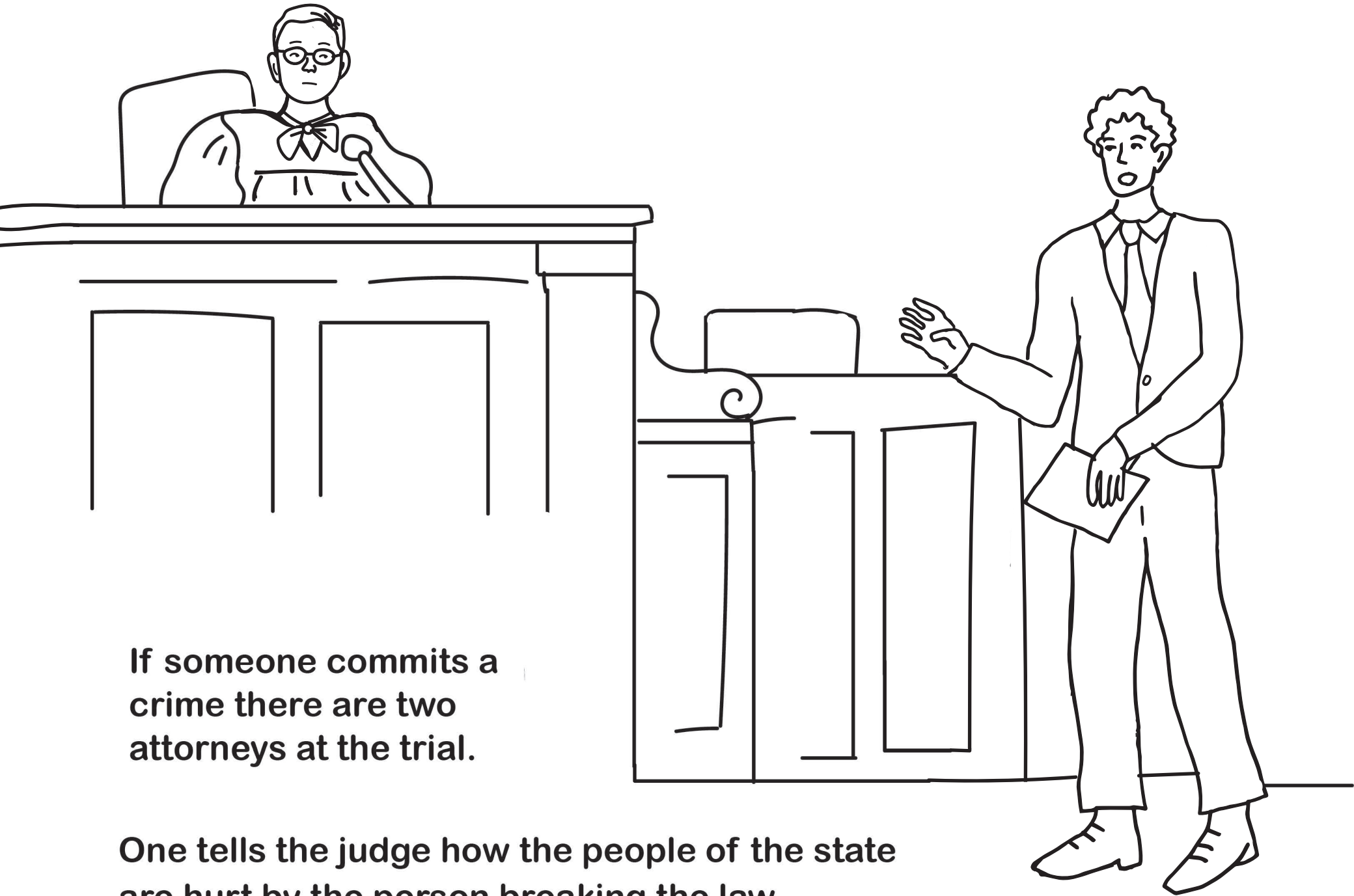
**Some lawyers help
military members
and their families**



Some lawyers help to make sure people's ideas and inventions don't get copied by others.

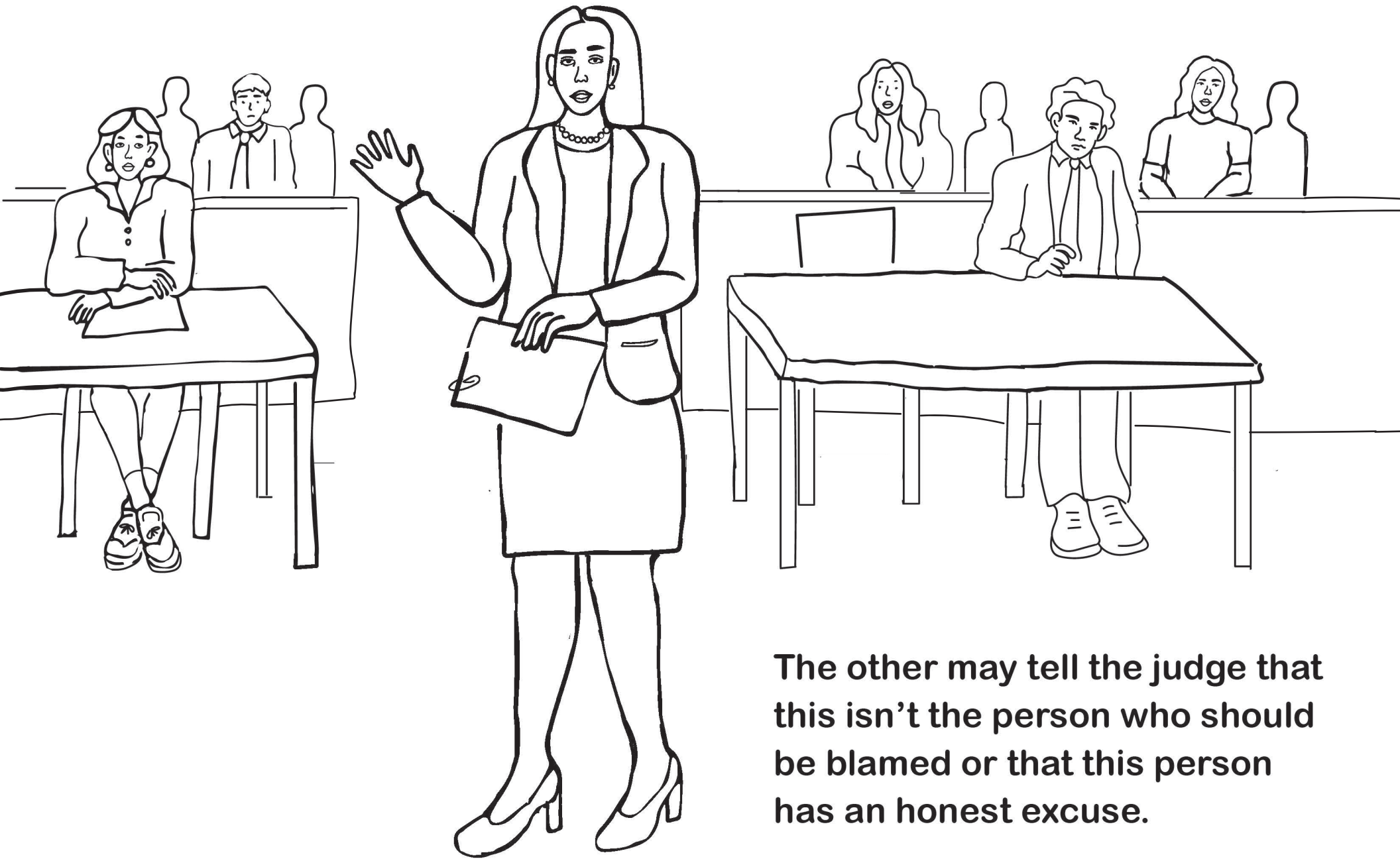


**Lawyers help
people who want
to adopt a child.**



If someone commits a crime there are two attorneys at the trial.

One tells the judge how the people of the state are hurt by the person breaking the law.



The other may tell the judge that this isn't the person who should be blamed or that this person has an honest excuse.

The people, represented by the jury, decide whether the person is guilty or innocent.



The judge makes sure the trial is fair.
In this type of trial, the judge is like an
umpire.



Other times, we may have a disagreement about a contract we signed, a property line, or a product we purchased.

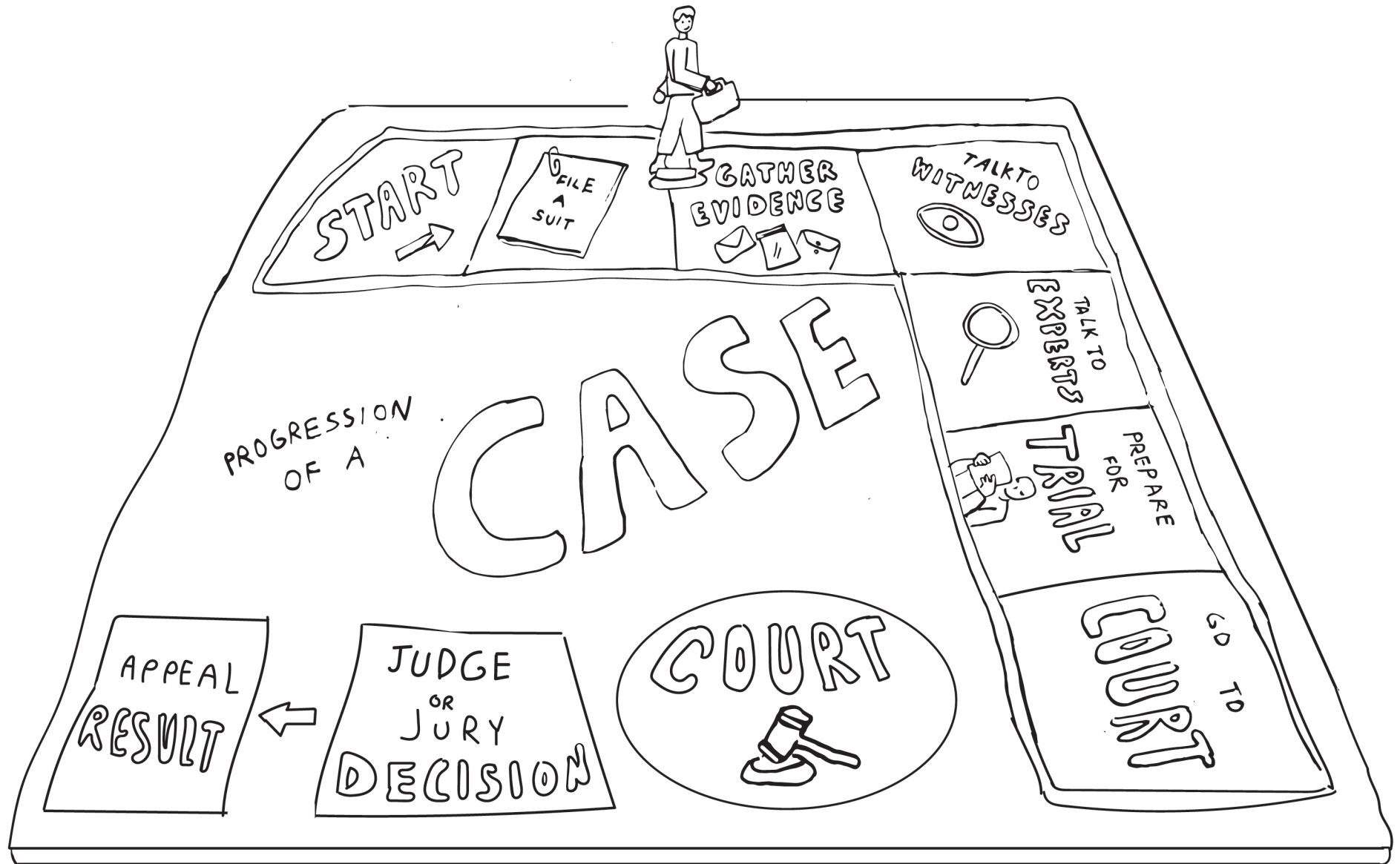


When we cannot find a solution, an attorney can tell the judge our side of the story.

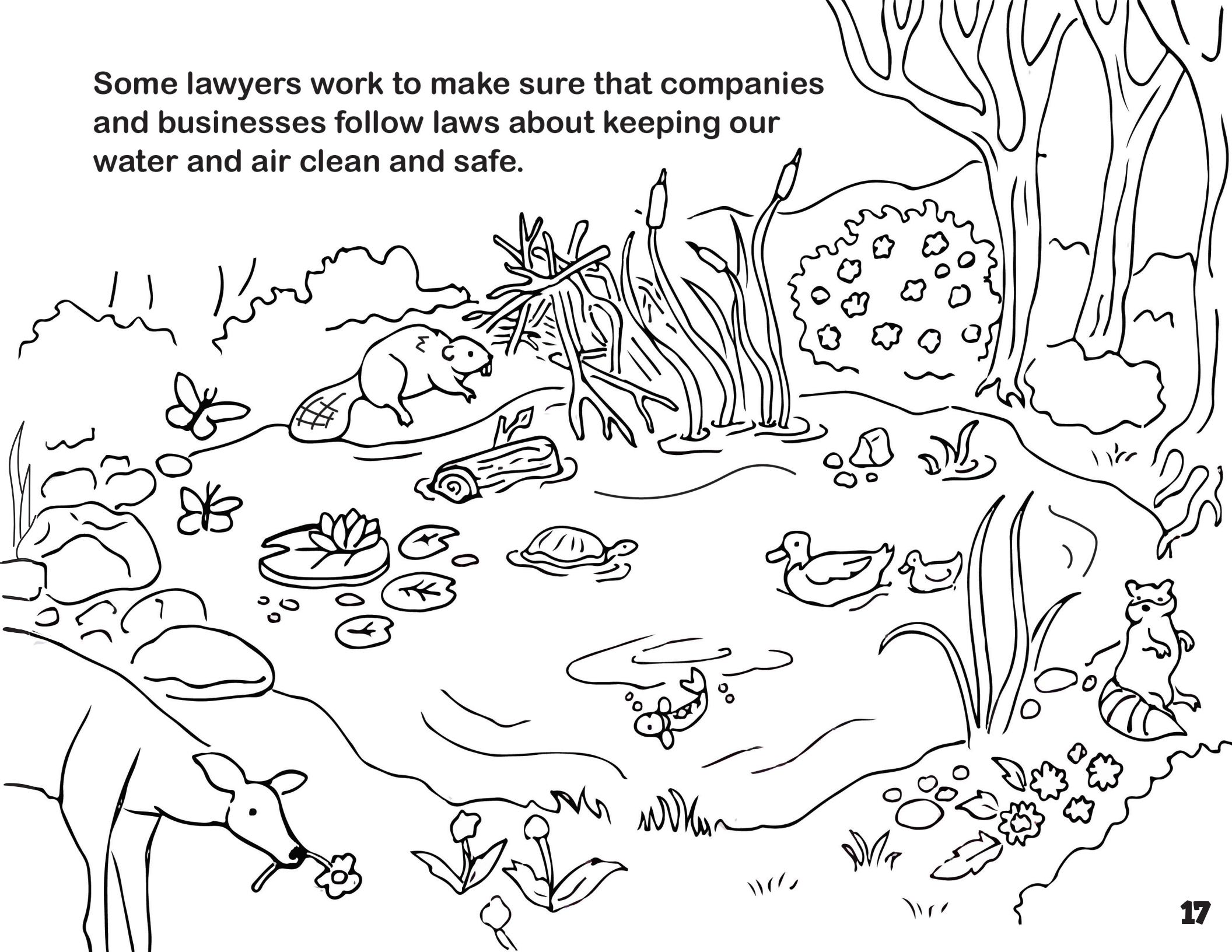


The judge will look at the law and similar cases to make a decision during a trial. In this trial, the judge is like a referee.

This is how a case goes from start to finish.



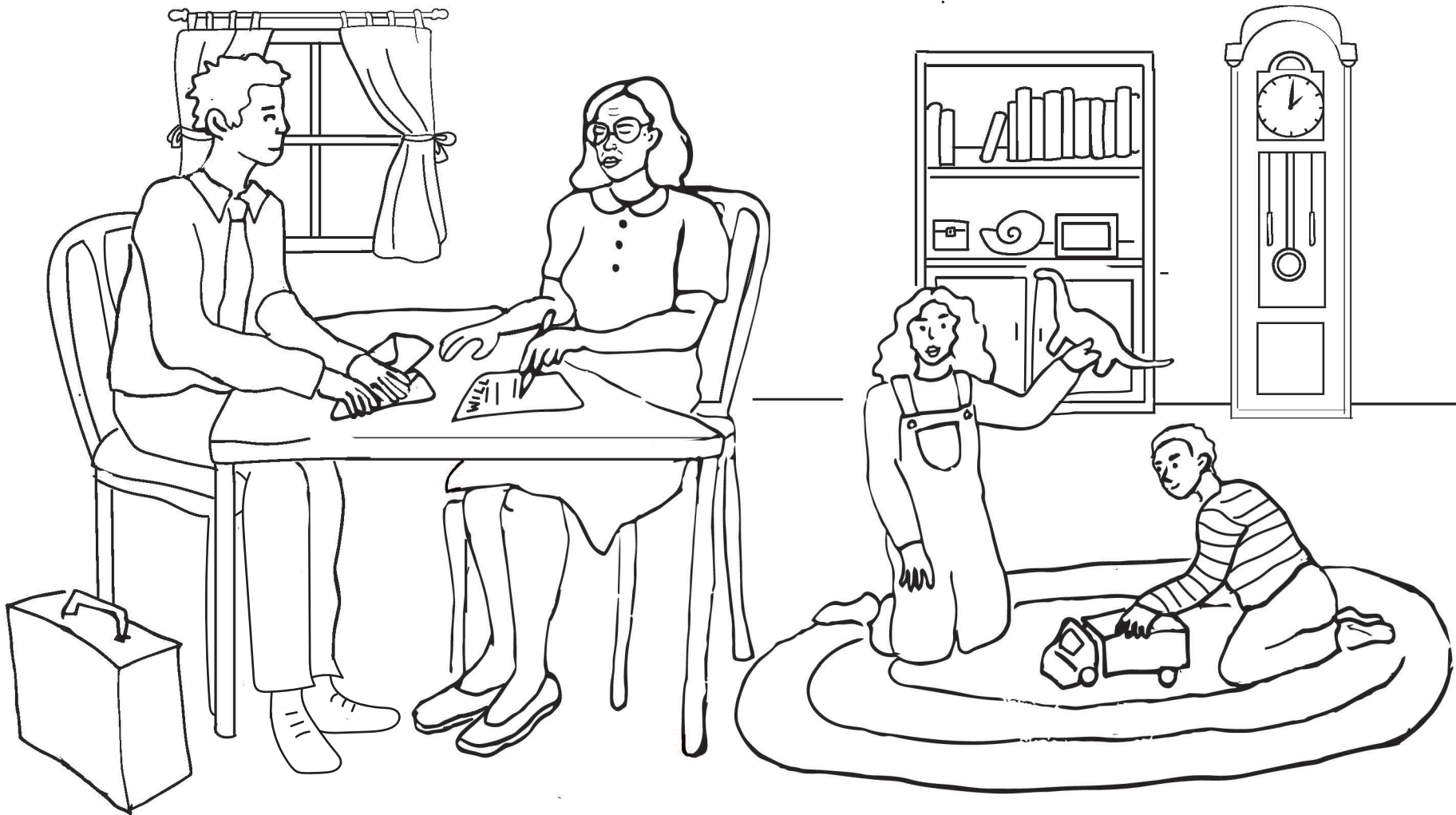
Some lawyers work to make sure that companies and businesses follow laws about keeping our water and air clean and safe.





Some lawyers have an interest in sports and represent players, athletes, or even entire teams.

Other lawyers help people in their regular lives: when they start a business, buy a home, borrow money, or make a will.





Laws give us boundaries so we can enjoy a life of peace with one another.

WE WOULD LOVE TO MEET YOU!

The Federal Bar Association Foundation gave us the Ilene and Michael Shaw Younger Lawyer Public Service Grant so we could make this book for you. The Kansas Bar Foundation provided funds for the beautiful artwork.

As part of the grant, we can also come to your classroom so that you can meet a newer lawyer in person. You could ask us questions about the law and what we do, and maybe even learn how to become a lawyer yourself.

We look forward to meeting you!

ATTORNEY'S OATH OR AFFIRMATION

Kansas Oath

You do solemnly swear or affirm that you will support and bear true allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Kansas; that you will neither delay nor deny the rights of any person through malice, for lucre, or from any unworthy desire; that you will not knowingly foster or promote, or give your assent to any fraudulent, groundless or unjust suit; that you will neither do, nor consent to the doing of any falsehood in court; and that you will discharge your duties as an attorney and counselor of the Supreme Court and all other courts of the State of Kansas with fidelity both to the Court and to your cause, and to the best of your knowledge and ability. So help you God.

Missouri Oath or Affirmation

**I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Missouri;
That I will maintain the respect due courts of justice, judicial officers and members of my profession and will at all times conduct myself with dignity becoming of an officer of the court in which I appear;
That I will never seek to mislead the judge or jury by any artifice or false statement of fact or law;
That I will at all times conduct myself in accordance with the Rules of Professional Conduct; and,
That I will practice law to the best of my knowledge and ability and with consideration for the defenseless and oppressed.
So help me God.**

