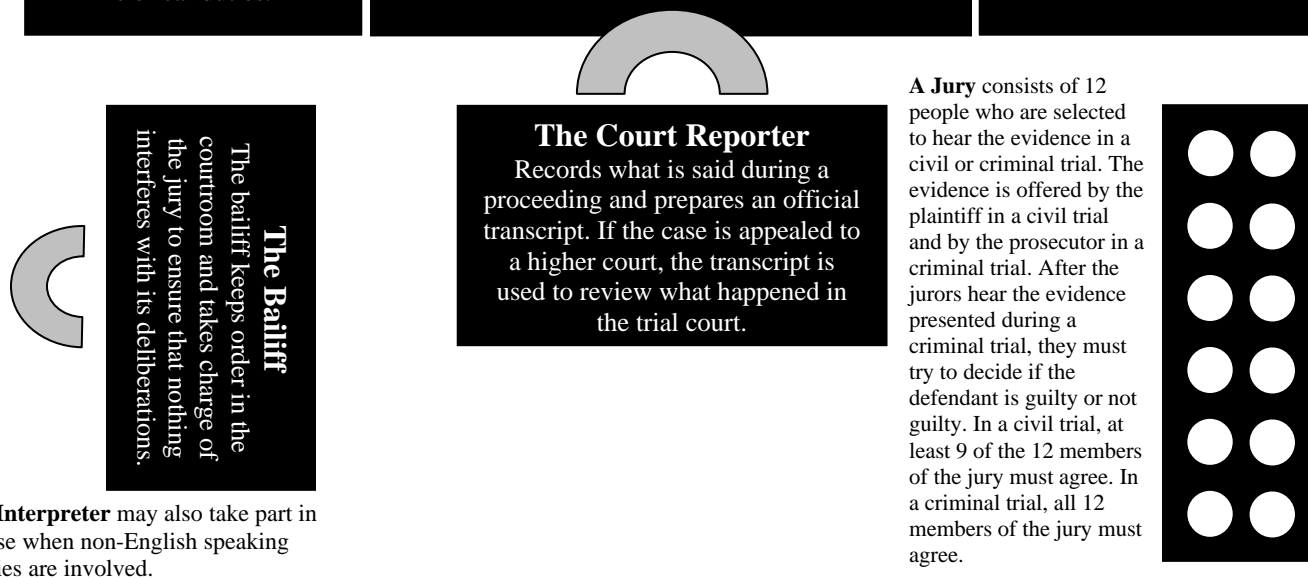
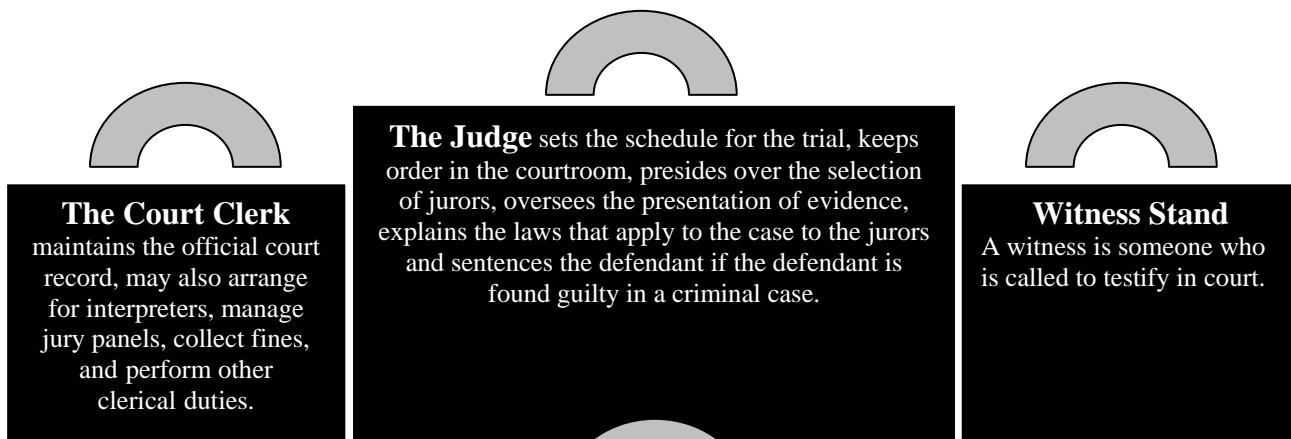
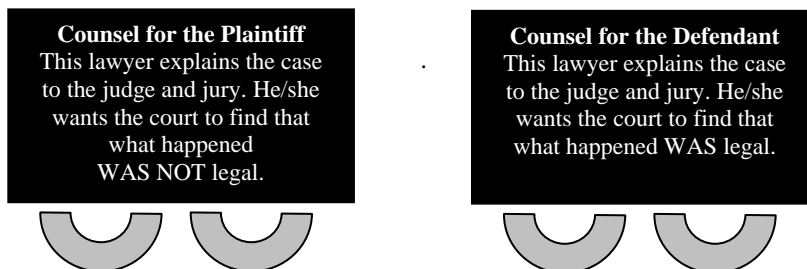


# South Carolina Circuit Courts



**An Interpreter** may also take part in a case when non-English speaking parties are involved.



**A plaintiff** (or complainant) is an individual, group of people, government, or corporation that feels wronged in some way and brings the issue to court to be resolved. In a criminal case, an attorney who works for the government, called a prosecutor, brings the case to the court.

In a criminal case, the defendant has been charged with a crime; in a civil case, the defendant has been accused by the plaintiff of causing some harm.

The plaintiff and the defendant are called the parties in a case. In some instances, either party may choose not to be represented by a lawyer. When a non-lawyer represents himself/herself, s/he is called a pro se litigant.

