

Advance Assignments

Assignment 8: Introduction to the Judicial Branch

Directions: Use the Internet to complete the following assignment. Report your findings to your local Alaska Close Up teacher. Bring your work with you to Alaska Close Up.

The Judicial Branch of state government judges whether the state laws that have been passed are constitutional, and determines if or when a law has been broken. From the state web page, www.state.ak.us, choose “Alaska Courts” from the right-hand list. Then answer the following questions, on this worksheet, in a word processing file, or on paper.

1. The name of this website is _____.
2. What is the mission of the court system? _____

3. From the “Court System Information” section choose “About the Court System.” From the introduction, name the four kinds of courts in our court system. _____

4. Go back to “About the Alaska Court System.” Choose “District Court” and list two kinds of cases that can be heard in these courts. _____

5. Back to “About the Alaska Court System,” choose “What is a Court Case?” What is the difference between civil and criminal cases? _____

6. Go back, and now choose “Beyond the Court System.” The lawyer who represents the State of Alaska in criminal cases is called the _____.
7. In what way is a policeman or state trooper related to the judicial system?

8. Go back to “About the Alaska Court System,” and choose one other topic to explore. What topic did you choose, and what did you learn? _____

Thanks for all your hard work. You have completed this assignment. Bring your worksheet, word processing or written file with you to your session.

