

# E-RESOURCE CENTER

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE 101

### □ Review Sheet for "Adjudication in Court" Unit

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#### Instructions:

- Review the main ideas from the unit in the text.
- Test your understanding by completing the questions. If you want help answering the questions, go to exercise 2, "Understanding the criminal court process and its participants."

#### **Criminal Court Process and Its Participants**

The Sixth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution gives people the right to a speedy trial by an impartial jury and the right to an attorney. The legal system has also developed a process for conducting trials that guarantees fairness at every step, from the pre-trial procedures to the trial procedures to the sentencing phase. Of course, not all cases can be brought to trial, if only because the court system does not have the resources to accommodate such a heavy load, and many cases end up being resolved without trials. In fact, on average, approximately 9 out of 10 criminal court cases in the United States are resolved without trial, but through the use of a plea bargaining agreement.

**Write a definition in your own words of the following terms.**

#### ***Adversarial system***

*Definition:*

#### ***Courtroom workgroup***

*Definition:*

#### ***Prosecutorial discretion***

*Definition:*

**Explain the main results of the following cases**

#### ***Powell vs. Alabama***

*Definition:*

#### ***Gideon vs. Wainwright***

*Definition:*