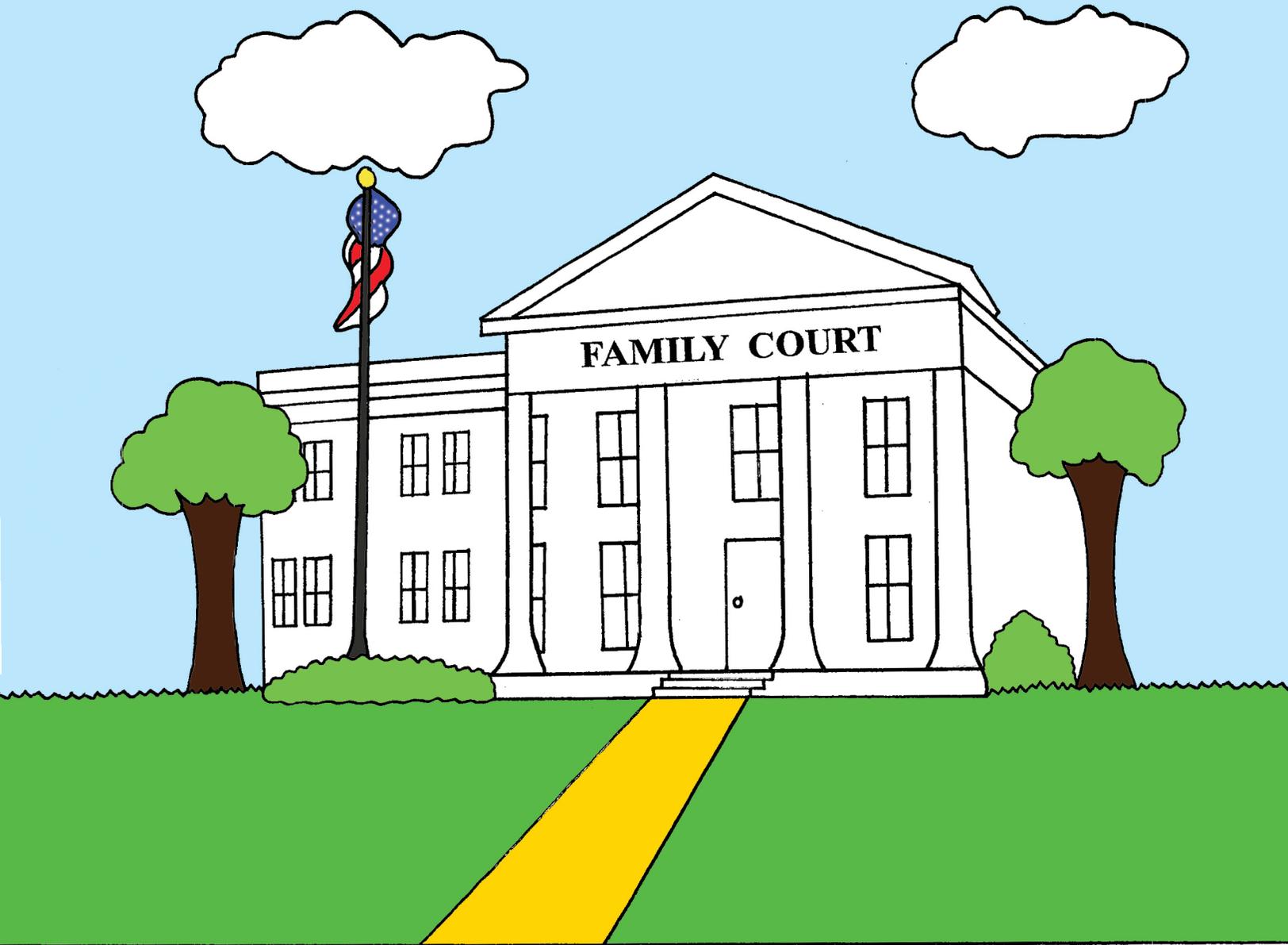


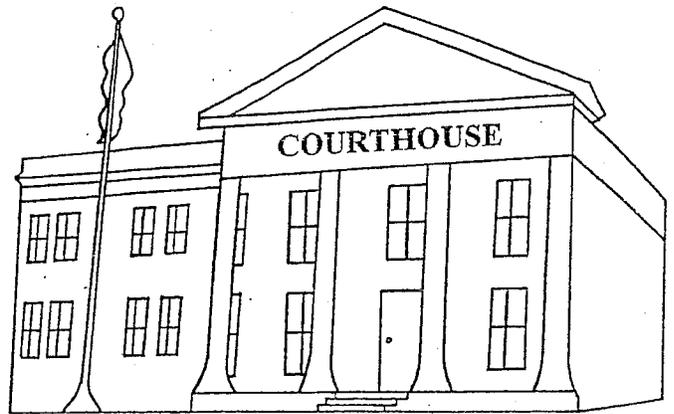
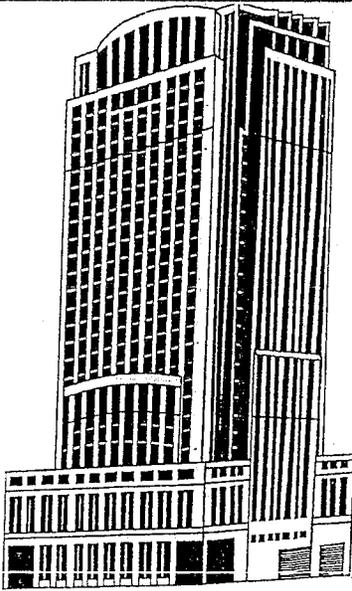
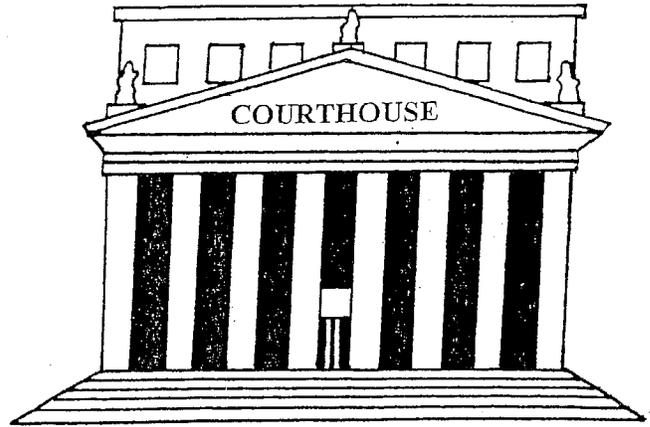
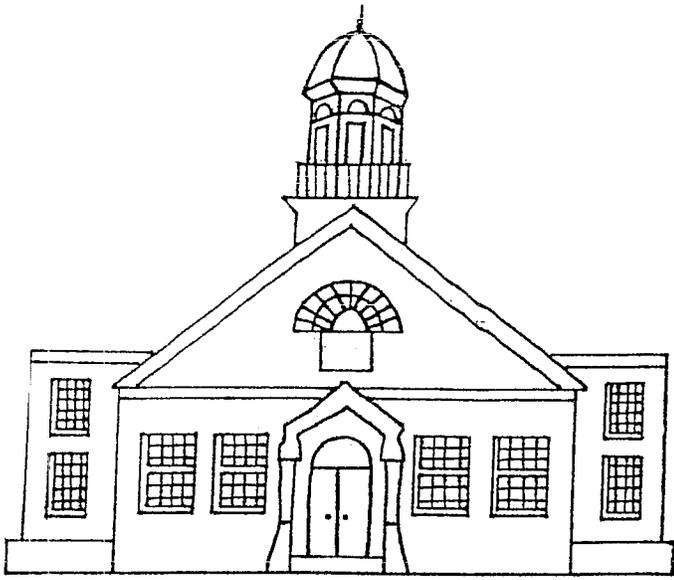
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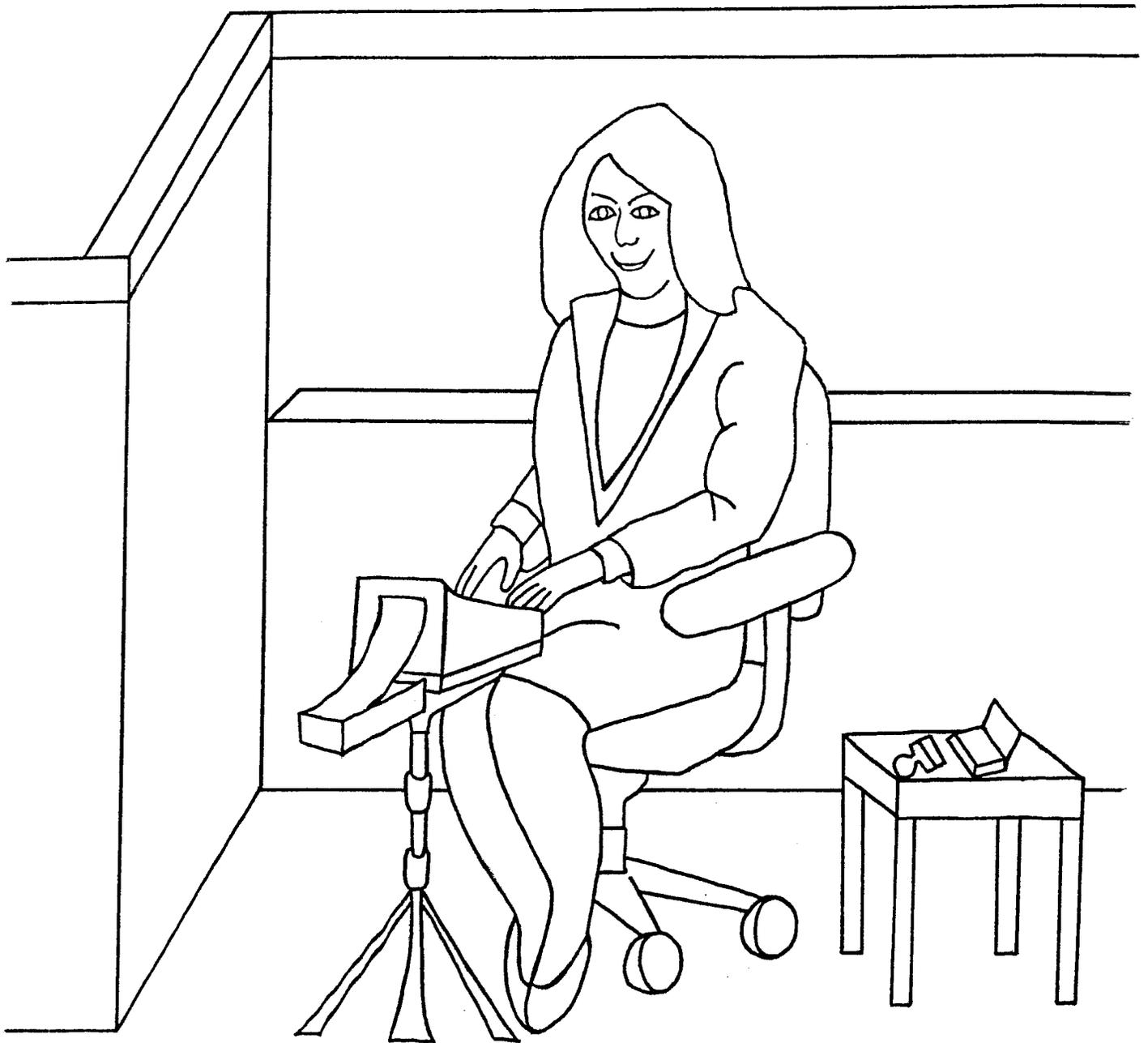
The Court Officers keep everyone in the court safe.  
They usually have the answer if you do not know  
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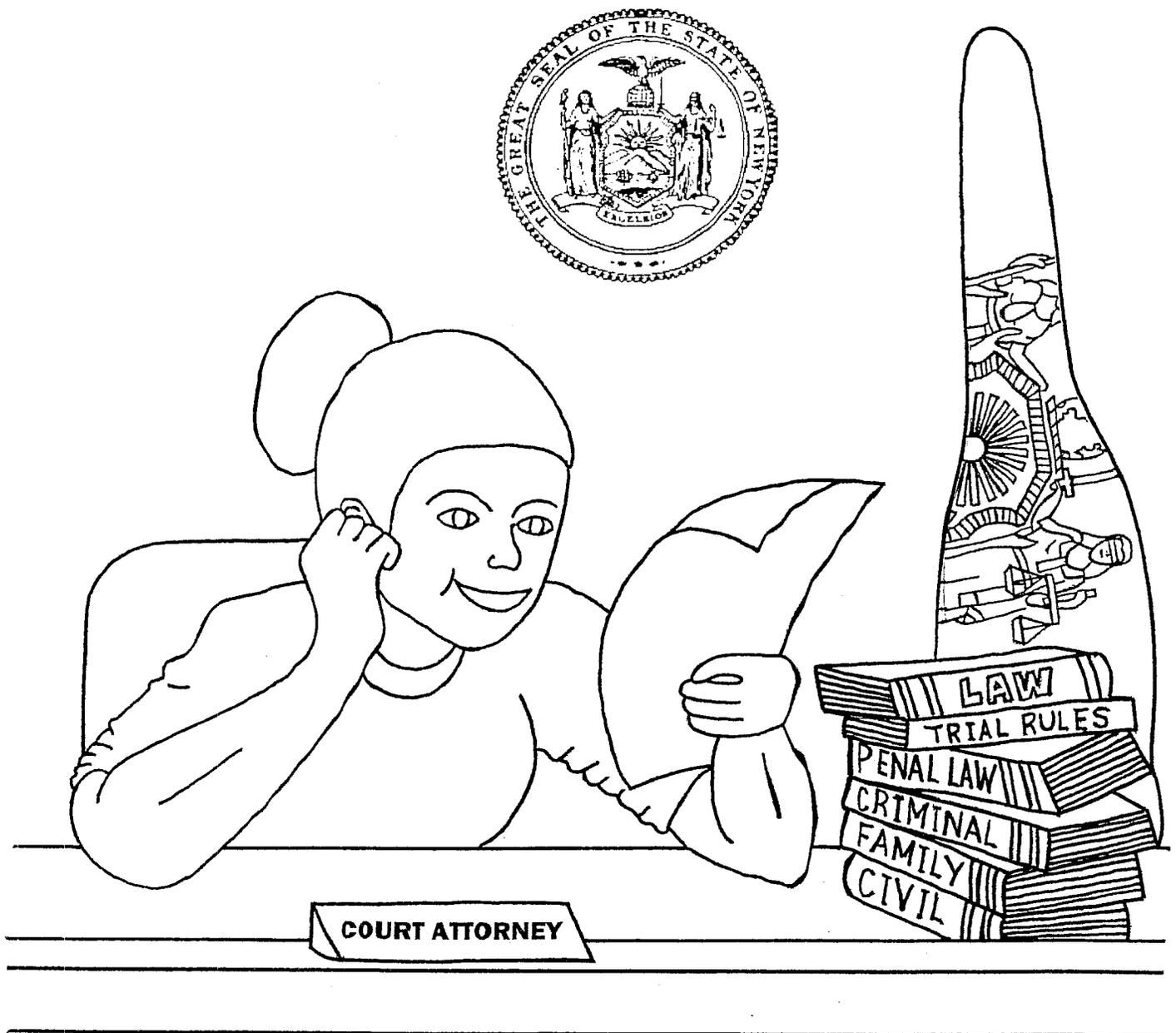
To assist you with your needs you must go to the petitions window. The petitions window will provide you with the proper forms to fill out.



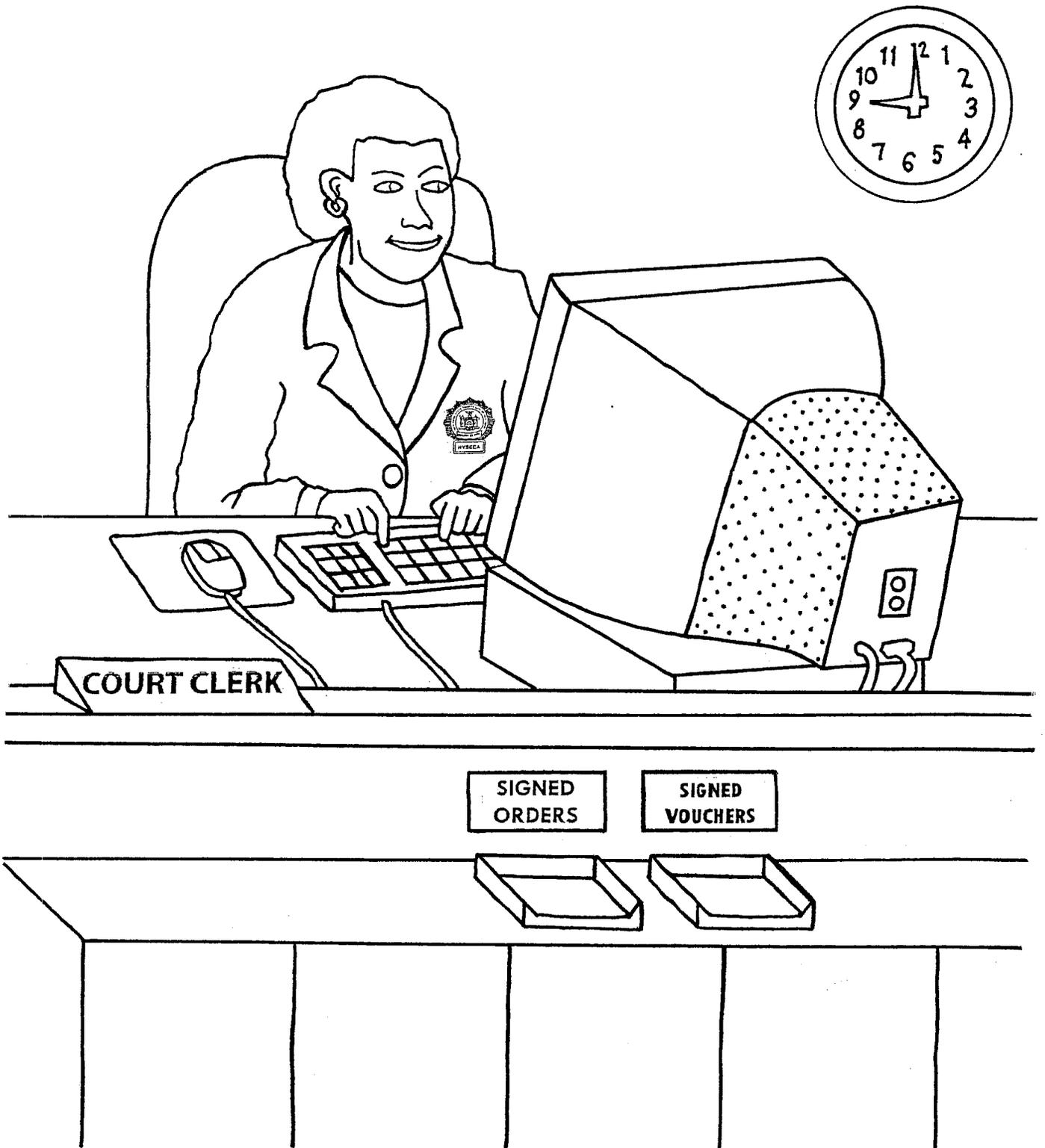
There are lawyers in the court house to give you legal advice and help you with your court case. They represent adults and children in Family Court.



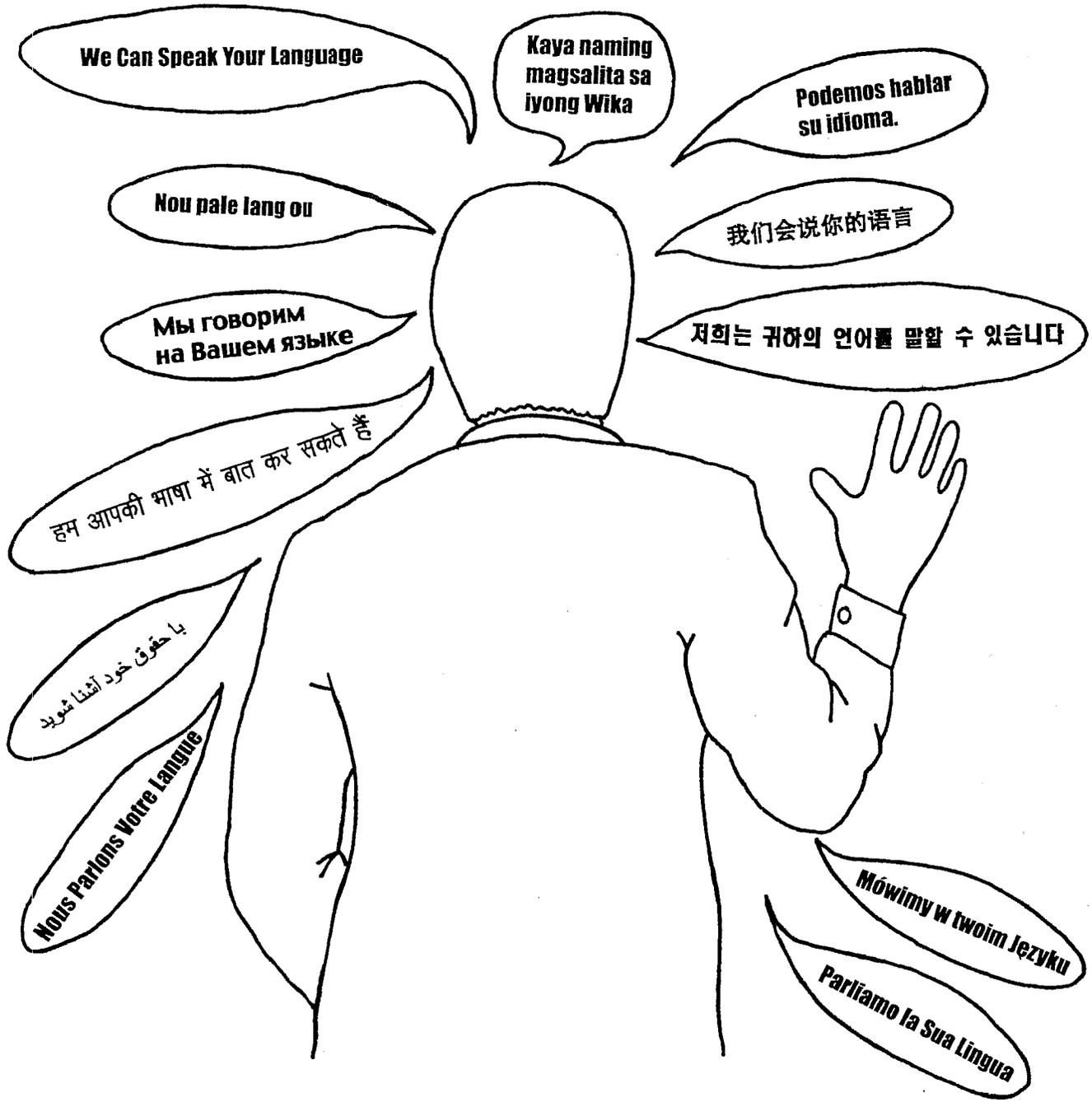
The court reporter records everything that is said in the court room.



The court attorney reviews laws concerning your case.  
The court attorney gives this information to the  
Judge.



The court clerk sits next to the judge and prepares orders and other court forms for the judge to sign.



We speak your language. If you do not understand English a court interpreter will interpret what the Judge says.



IN GOD WE TRUST

JUDGE

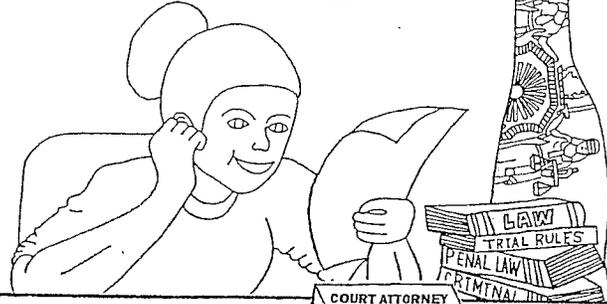
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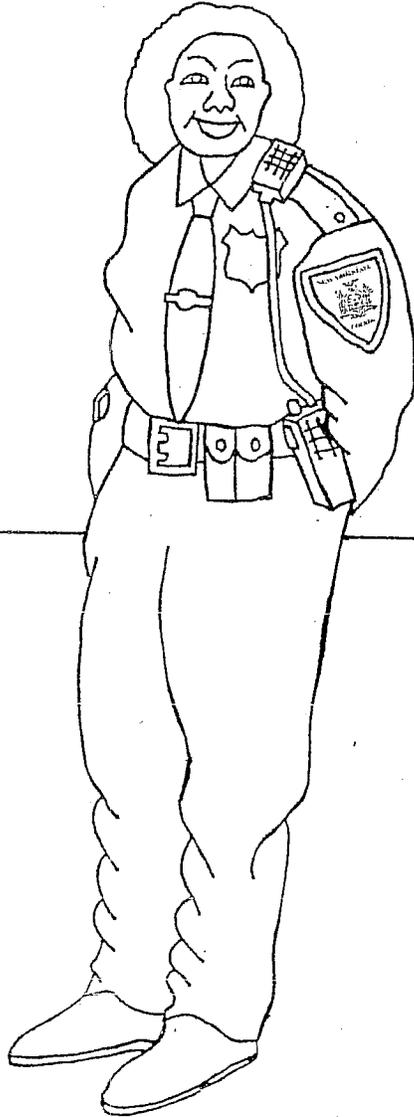
IN GOD WE TRUST



Judge



COURT ATTORNEY



# WHAT JOBS THEY DO?

1. This person sits next to the judge and prepares orders and other court forms for the judge to sign.

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A) Court Attorney



B) Court Clerk

2. This person writes everything that is said in the courtroom on a stenotype shorthand machine.

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3. They keep everyone in the courthouse safe. They usually have the answer if you don't know where to go.

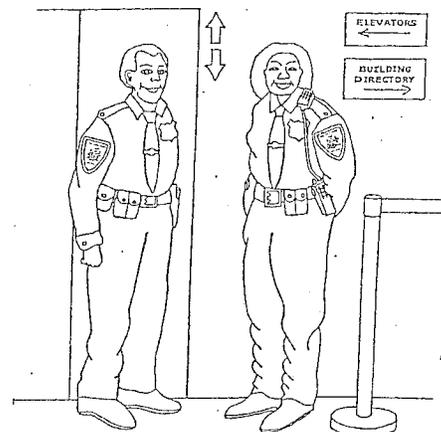
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4. They represent people who have a case in court. They must pass a test called the bar exam.

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C) Judge



D) Court Officers

5. This person wears a black robe and makes sure that everything that happens in the courtroom is fair.

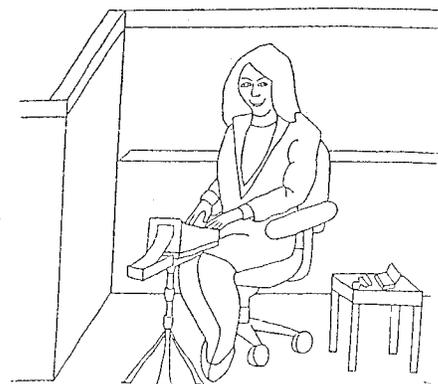
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6. This person confers with lawyers and reviews documents for the judge. This person also helps find answers to difficult legal questions.

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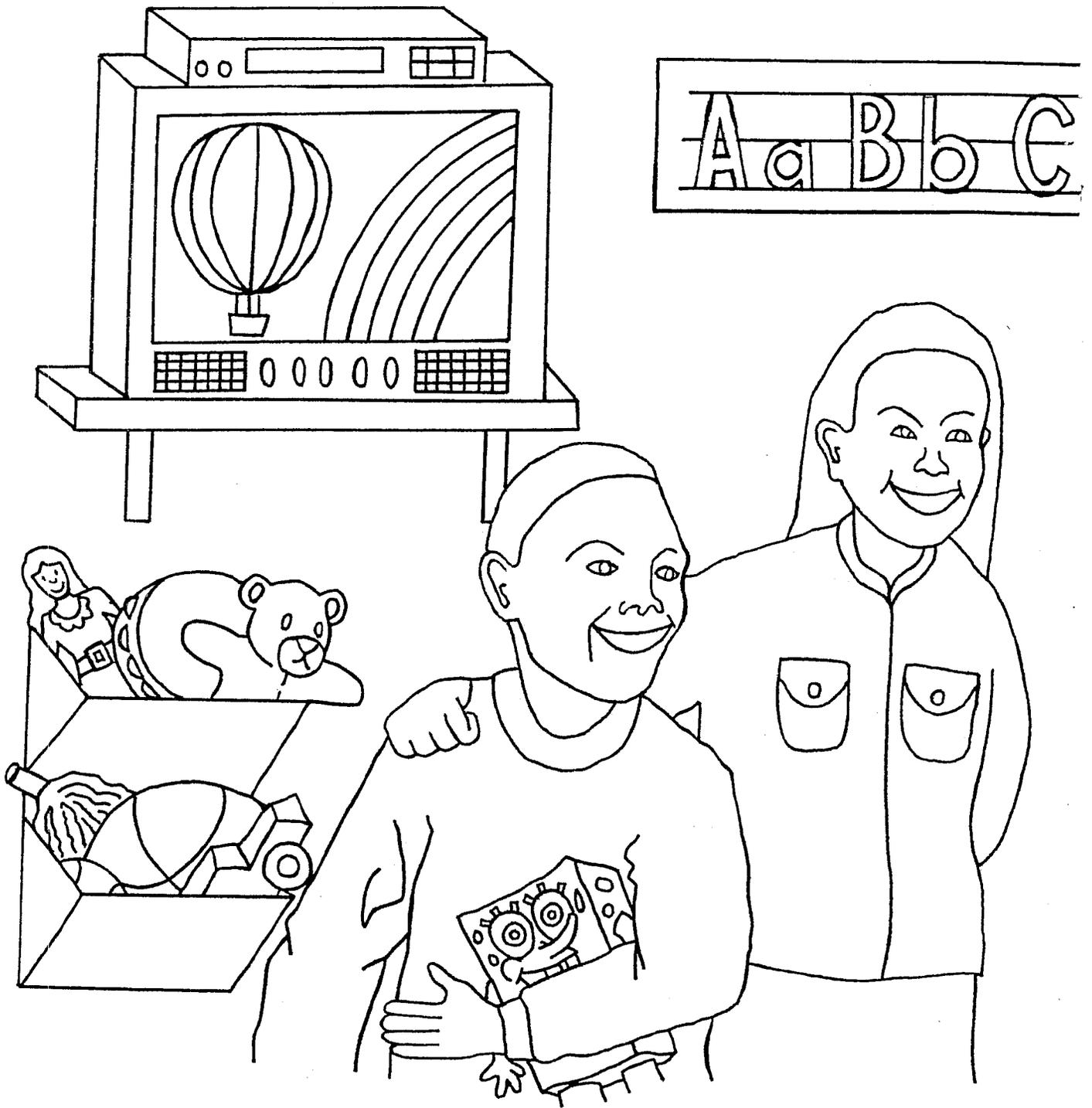


E) Lawyers



F) Court Reporter

Answers:  
1=B 2=F 3=D  
4=E 5=C 6=A



The Children's Center is a place children can stay at and have fun while a court case is going on.

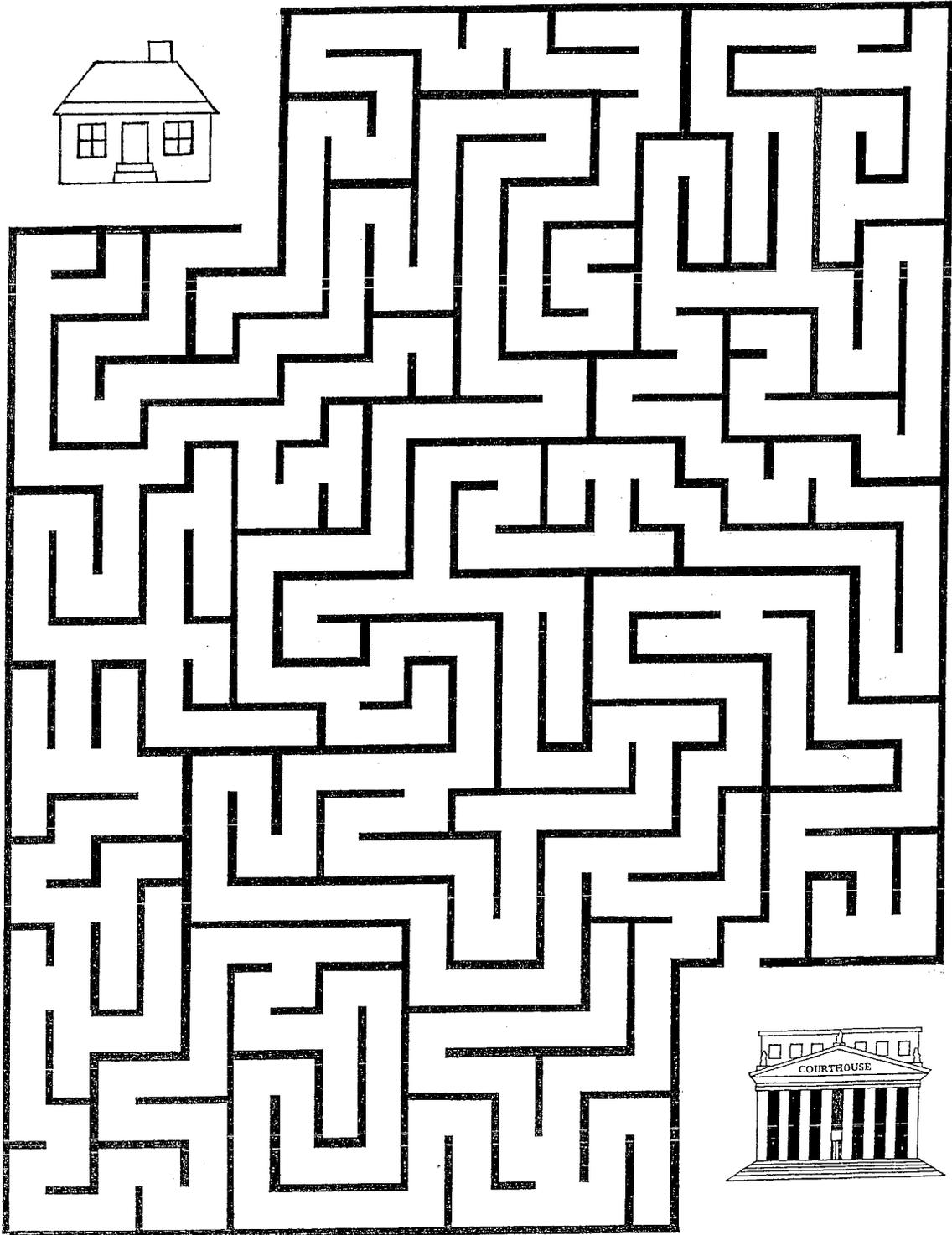
# WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the words below

(Hint: They are all found in Family Court)

1. RTOUC RECOIFF \_\_\_\_\_
2. EJUDG \_\_\_\_\_
3. RNECHDIL'S ERTNCE \_\_\_\_\_
4. TRCUO ERORPTRE \_\_\_\_\_
5. TIONPETI DOWNIW \_\_\_\_\_
6. RENCHLID \_\_\_\_\_
7. OUCRT ERCLK \_\_\_\_\_
8. SMOFR \_\_\_\_\_
9. TERIRPRETNE \_\_\_\_\_
10. RCTOU MORO \_\_\_\_\_
11. YFAIML \_\_\_\_\_
12. FHATER \_\_\_\_\_
13. SRYWLAE \_\_\_\_\_
14. ERTHMO \_\_\_\_\_
15. FGLA \_\_\_\_\_
16. RUCOMPTE \_\_\_\_\_
17. KDSE \_\_\_\_\_
18. TRCOU NEYROATT \_\_\_\_\_
19. LAGF LEPO \_\_\_\_\_
20. ALWS \_\_\_\_\_

Can you find your way  
to the courthouse?



# MY DAY AT THE COURTHOUSE

Can you find the hidden words?

K S M J R A E E S C S A J Z M O  
A A H U O R D E R S A T R H R S  
H Q O D B O F U E K T E T X T P  
M L U G E F T N R I T R E F P O  
G A V E L F T E G R O J I L L E  
C W X T S I L D O S R R A U L E  
P Y S L W C O P R E N Q O G L P  
P E H E F E E E T K E G G H S A  
U R T I S R C E J N Y H L R T O  
E C H I L D R E N W D D E T O E  
N S S Q T P A R E N T S L S V T  
W L I H R I E Q C L M C A M R O  
C E O E N T O B V Q H R Z G R M  
N N T I T T E N D I G A A D S O  
S N Y G T T R M D D P E W S I D  
I D M I W P K L U R O L R A M R

ATTORNEY

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CHILDREN

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ORDERS

ROBE

CLERK

JUDGE

PARENTS

TRIAL

FLAG

LAWYER

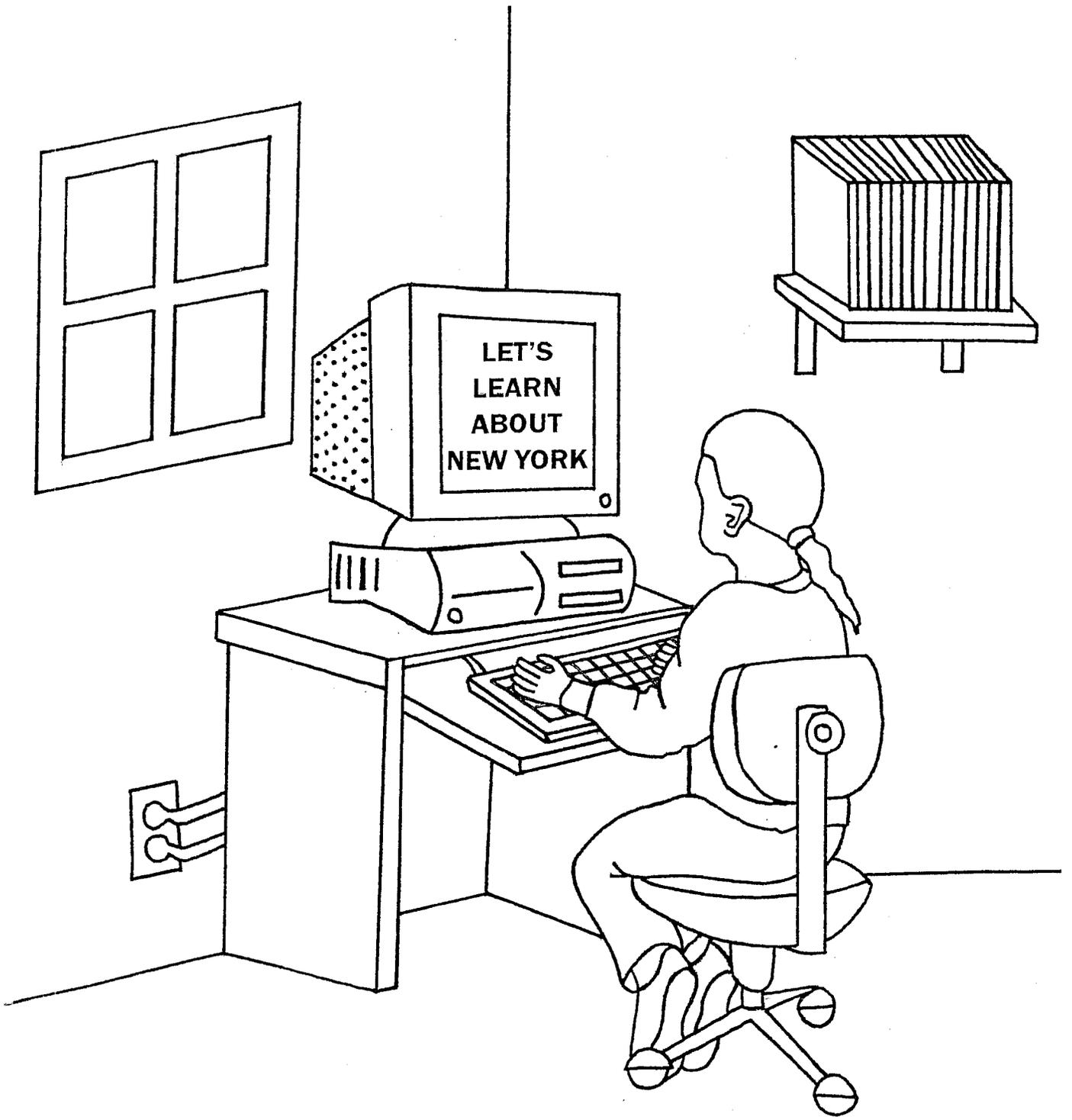
PETITION

WITNESS



New York State Flag

"Excelsior" is Latin for ever upward,  
meaning to reach for ever higher goals.



## **New York City: 12 Famous Places**

### **1. The Statue of Liberty**

Presented to America by the people of France in 1886. The seven spikes in her crown represent the seven oceans and seven continents of the world. Her torch represents enlightenment. The Statue of Liberty was designated a national landmark in 1924.

### **2. The Brooklyn Bridge**

It took more than 13-years to build and was the world's longest suspension bridge when it opened on May 24, 1883. Almost a hundred years later on March 24, 1983 the bridge was designated a national historic engineering landmark.

### **3. Madison Square Garden**

Opened in 1968, it is often called "the world's most famous arena" and is home to the NBA's New York Knicks, the NHL's New York Rangers and the WNBA's New York Liberty, as well as many concerts and shows throughout the year.

### **4. The Empire State Building**

At 102 stories tall, it was the tallest building in the world when it opened in 1931. It is said that on a clear day you can see for 80 miles from its observation deck on the 86<sup>th</sup> floor.

### **5. Central Park**

This 843-acre public park was completed in 1873. With over 25 million visitors per year it is the most visited city park in the United States. Located within the park are the Wollman skating rink, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, a zoo, a reservoir, an open-air theatre and a formal garden along with numerous lakes, ponds and playgrounds.

### **6. Yankee Stadium**

Opened in 2009, it is the home of baseball's New York Yankees. With twenty-seven World Series championships the New York Yankees are the most successful sports franchise in North American professional sports history.

### **7. The Bronx Zoo**

When the Bronx Zoo opened in 1899 it had 843 animals. Today it is the largest metropolitan zoo in the United States and is home to more than 4,000 animals. It was one of the first zoos to move animals from cages to more naturalistic environments that simulate the animals' natural habitats.

### **8. Citifield**

Opened in 2009, it is the home of baseball's New York Mets. The exterior facade and Jackie Robinson Rotunda were inspired by Brooklyn's Ebbets Field

### **9. Flushing Meadow Park**

Created as the site for the 1939 World's Fair, it also hosted the 1964 World's Fair. Located within the park are the USTA National Tennis Center, New York Hall of Science, Queens Museum, Queens Botanical Garden and the Queens Zoo.

### **10. Coney Island**

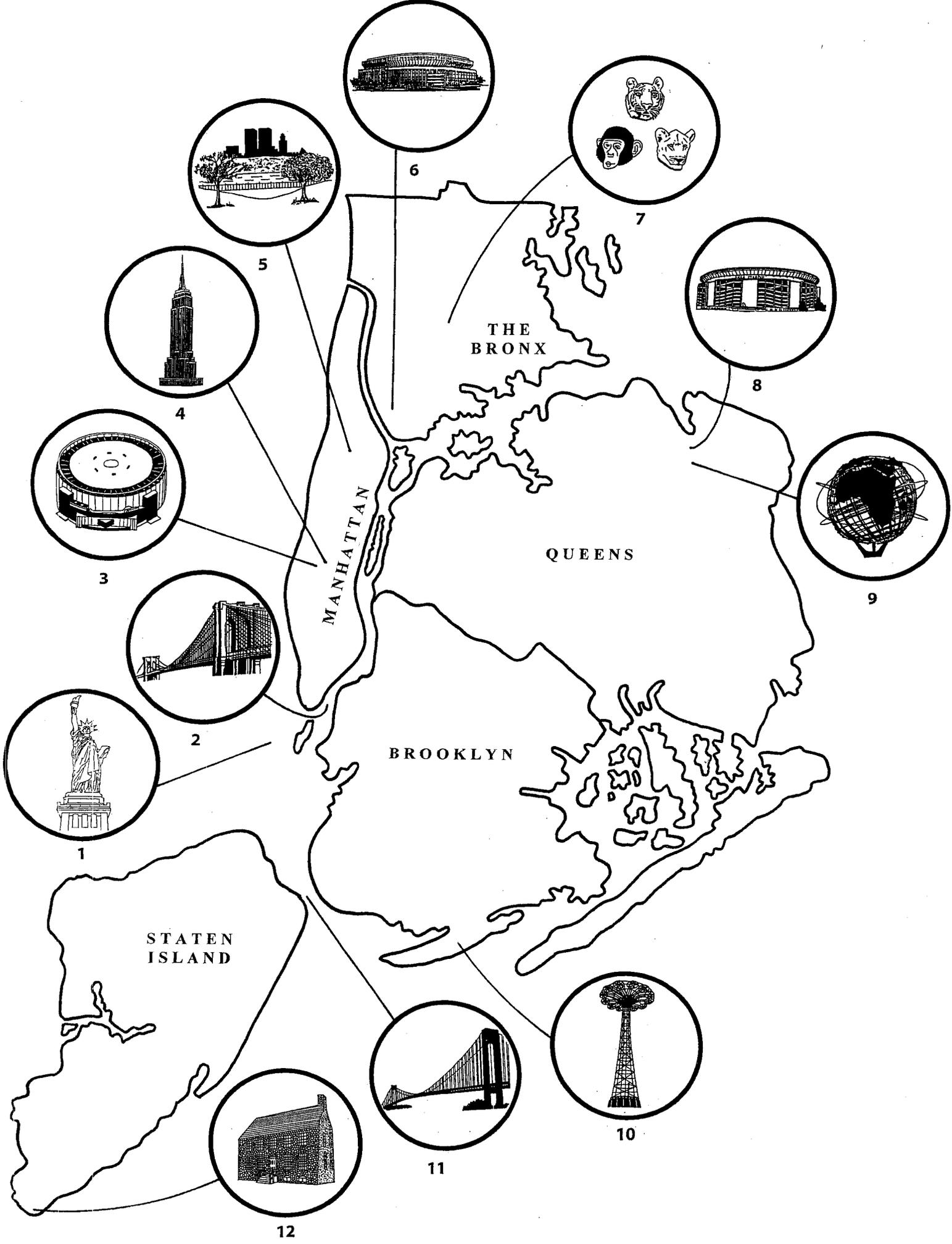
This two and a half mile beach was the largest resort and amusement area in the United States from the 1880's until World War II. Today it is still the home of Nathan's Famous hot dogs and the New York Aquarium.

### **11. The Verrazano Bridge**

Was the world's longest suspension bridge when it opened in 1964 and has since been surpassed only by England's Humber Bridge. The bridge is named after Giovanni da Verrazzano who in 1524 was the first European explorer to sail into New York harbor.

### **12. The Conference House**

Named for the peace conference that was held there on September 11, 1776. Members of the Continental Congress, including Benjamin Franklin and John Adams, met with the commander of the British forces in a conference that helped shape our nation.



## **New York City: 12 More Famous Places**

### **1. The Staten Island Ferry**

The Staten Island Ferry is a passenger ferry that travels regularly between Whitehall terminal in lower Manhattan and St. George terminal on Staten Island. More than 70,000 commuters make the twenty-five minute trip everyday.

### **2. The African Burial Ground**

During a 1991 construction project in lower Manhattan excavators unearthed the largest colonial era cemetery for enslaved Africans in America. Historians estimate that as many as 15,000 African men, women and children were buried here during the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. Over 200 bodies remain undisturbed on this site today. On February 27, 2006, the site was designated a national monument.

### **3. The United Nations Headquarters**

The United Nations was founded in 1945 at the end of World War II by the victorious allied powers to replace the League of Nations. The United Nations is made up of 192 member states with a goal to facilitate cooperation in international law.

### **4. The Theatre District**

The Theatre District is a section of Manhattan with thirty-nine professional theatres that stage famous productions nightly. This section of Manhattan is also known as "Broadway" or "The Great White Way". A Broadway show is considered the highest professional form of theatre in the United States. Shows can be musical, comedy or drama.

### **5. Radio City Music Hall**

Radio City Music Hall is the largest indoor theatre in the world. Radio City Music Hall opened in 1932 and is the home to the famous Rockettes as well as the yearly Christmas Spectacular. The great stage at Radio City Music Hall hosts many concerts and special events throughout the year.

### **6. The New York Botanical Garden**

The New York Botanical Garden was founded in 1891 and is one of the world's greatest collections of plants. Known as one of the premier botanical gardens in the United States, the New York Botanical Garden spans over 240 acres of Bronx park.

### **7. Kaufman Astoria Studios**

Opened in 1920, Kaufman Astoria Studios became a home to Paramount pictures in the early days of sound movies. Today the studio is the home to Sesame Street as well many other television and motion picture productions

### **8. The Queens County Farm Museum**

The Queens County Farm Museum occupies the largest tract of undisturbed farmland in New York City and it features a Dutch farmhouse from 1772. The Queens County Farm Museum is the only working farm in New York City.

### **9. John F. Kennedy International Airport**

JFK International Airport is the top international passenger gateway in the United States. It was opened in 1947 as New York International Airport it was renamed in honor of President John F. Kennedy

### **10. The New York Aquarium**

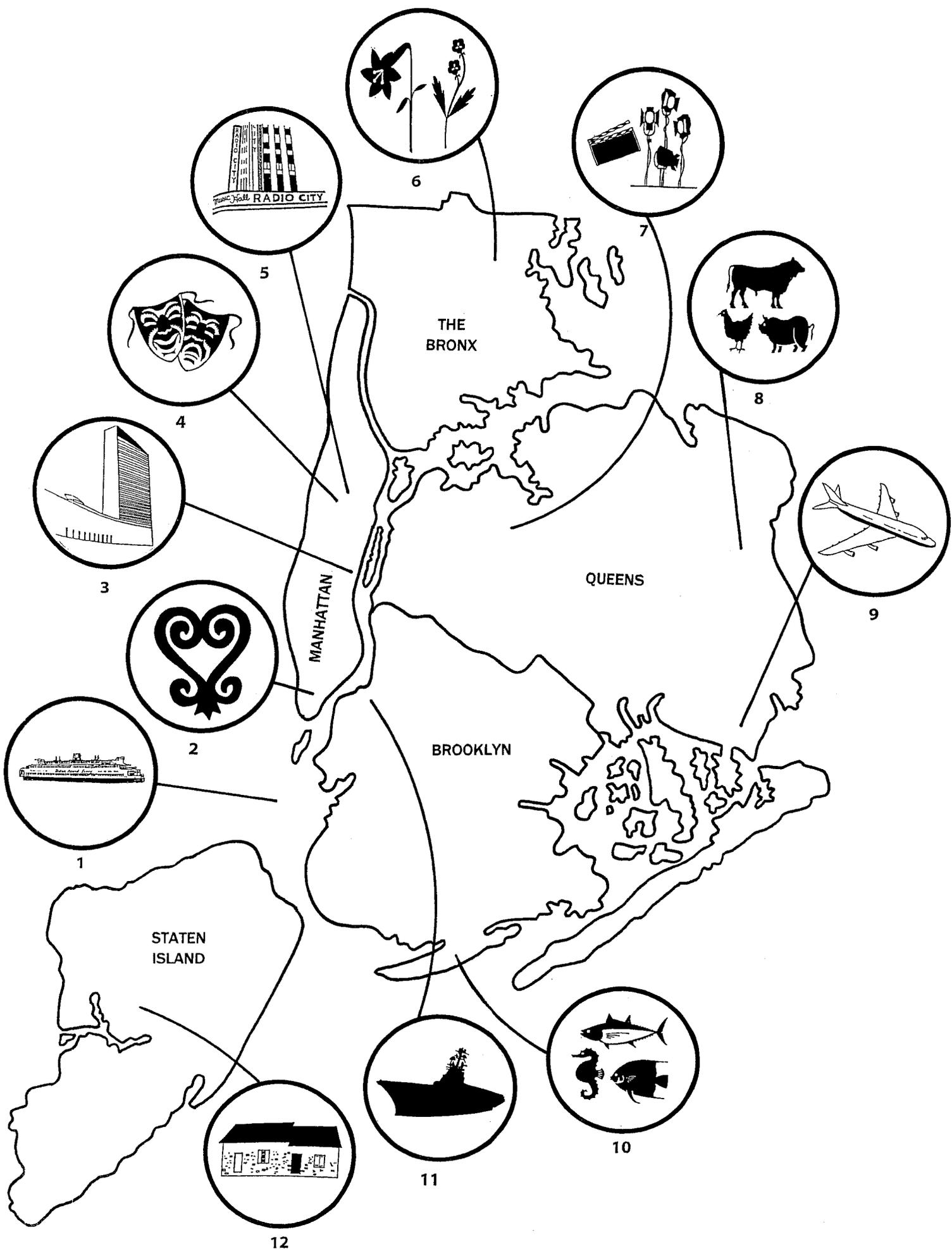
The New York Aquarium first opened on December 10, 1896 and it is the oldest continually operated aquarium in the United States. Originally located in Battery Park, the current location in Coney Island was completed on June 6, 1957.

### **11. The Brooklyn Navy Yard**

Founded in 1801, the United States Navy Yard-New York, or the Brooklyn Navy yard as we call it was the property of the United States Navy from 1806 to 1966.

### **12. Historic Richmondtown**

Established in 1958, Historic Richmond is an open-air live museum where visitors can experience the lifestyle of a three-hundred year old colonial era community.



## Fun Facts

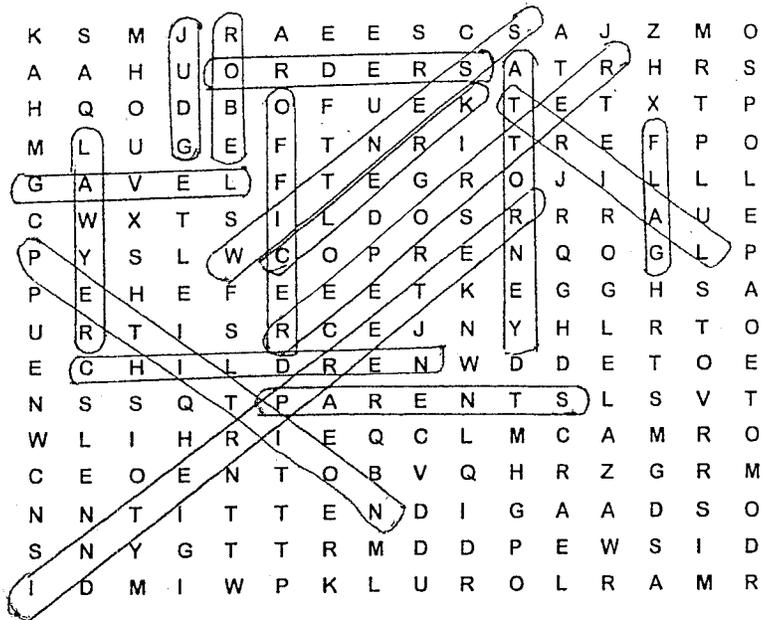
- ◆ In 1961 the Constitution of New York State was amended to provide for the establishment of a court with jurisdiction over all aspects of family life. New York State Family Court began operations on Sept. 1, 1962.
- ◆ Prior to the Family Court, New York State had established a separate Children's Court in 1922.
- ◆ In 1853, the Children's Aid Society was founded to "rescue" immigrant children from the streets and poorhouses.
- ◆ New York harbor was first visited by Giovanni de Verrazzano in 1524, and the Hudson River was first explored by Henry Hudson in 1609.
- ◆ Approximately one-third of the Revolutionary War was fought on New York State soil. The Battle of Brooklyn was the first major Battle of the Revolutionary War.
- ◆ New York City was the first capital of the United States and it was here in New York City that George Washington was inaugurated as President on April 30, 1789.
- ◆ The name "The Big Apple" was given to New York City by jazz musicians in the 1930's. When talking about the places to play, they would say "there are a lot of apples on the tree, but a gig in New York City is the big apple."
- ◆ The New York subway system is the largest mass transit system in the world with 468 stations and 842 miles (1355km) of track.
- ◆ The first pizzeria in the United States was opened in New York City in 1895.
- ◆ New York City served as the capital of the United States in the 1780s before it was moved to Philadelphia and then Washington D.C.
- ◆ The Metropolitan Museum of Art ("The Met") contains over 2 million works, making it one of the largest art museums in the world and contains one of the most comprehensive collection of Asian art in the West.
- ◆ Ellis Island opened its doors on Friday, January 1, 1892. From 1892 to 1954 twelve million entered the United States through Ellis Island.
- ◆ The first ticker-tape parade celebrated the dedication of the Statue of Liberty in 1886.
- ◆ The Brooklyn Bridge was the first bridge to be lit using electricity.
- ◆ The Bronx has more than 60 landmarks and historic districts including the Edgar Allan Poe Cottage and the Van Cortlandt House Museum.
- ◆ The Bronx is the only New York Borough connected to the Continental United States mainland.
- ◆ Since the 1920s Queens has been the "home of jazz", the residence for hundreds of jazz musicians including such notables as Louis Armstrong, Fats Waller, Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald and Dizzy Gillespie.
- ◆ The two and a half mile boardwalk of Staten Island's South Beach is the fourth longest in the world.
- ◆ The Brooklyn's Children's Museum was the world's first museum just for kids.

ANSWERS:

Family Court Word Scramble

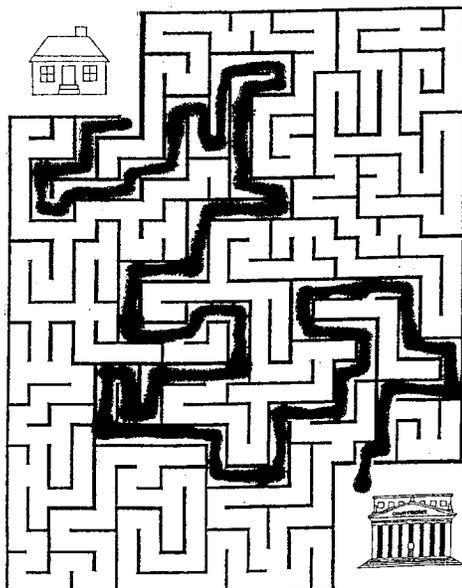
1. Court Officer
2. Judge
3. Children's Center
4. Court Reporter
5. Petition Window
6. Children
7. Court Clerk
8. Forms
9. Interpreter
10. Court Room
11. Family
12. Father
13. Lawyers
14. Mother
15. Flag
16. Computer
17. Desk
18. Court Attorney
19. Flag Pole
20. Laws

Word Search (My Day at Family Court)



Maze (Can you find your way to the Court house)

can you find your way  
to the courthouse?



Illustrations by Court Officer James Pellegrino