

Government in Action: You must attend a court room in Orange County. Your answers must be typed on a separate piece of paper. Take this paper with you it must be signed and turned in with the necessary signatures. (Hint: go at the beginning of a session, early morning or after lunch for a better overview of the courts.)

Court Room Observation

Central Justice Center
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

West Justice Center
8141 13th Street
Westminster, CA 92683-4593

For more courts visit www.occourts.org

Date of Observation: _____ Time of Observation: _____

1. Describe your journey to get to the court room, how did you choose which courtroom to visit?
2. Describe the setting of the Court Room. Discuss how the room was arranged and where people sat:
3. Describe what you observed each of the following people in the Court Room doing, explaining their function and duties:
 - a. Judge
 - b. Jurors
 - c. Prosecutor
 - d. Defense Attorney
 - e. Defendant
 - f. Bailiff
 - g. Court Reporter
 - h. Clerk
 - i. Witnesses (if appropriate)
4. Explain, in detail, the proceedings you observed. What types of case(s) did the court hear, what was the tone of the court room?
5. How did the members of the public conduct themselves?
6. What was accomplished in the court room during your visit?
7. What did you learn about the superior court as a result of your visit to a court room?

Verification:

Contact Information

Name of Court Officer

Signature of Court Officer