

Bailiff's Role



Pre-Trial Responsibilities:

- Your job is to assist the judge in whatever way is needed. That would include quizzing the judge on possible objections or rehearsing with the judge as he/she prepares his/her instructions to the jury.

During the Trial:

- Use your own name. You are the deputy sheriff in our Central Bucks PEN mock trial. Your responsibility is to assist the judge in maintaining order in the courtroom.
- At the beginning of the court session, you go to the front of the court near the judge's bench, and call the court to order by saying, "All rise. The Central Bucks PEN Superior Court is now in Session. The Honorable Judge _____ presiding." If there are two judges in your case, name them both. Once the judge(s) has entered the court and gone to the bench, you tell those in attendance to "Please be seated".
- The case is announced: "The court will now hear the case of _____ vs _____."
- Swearing in Witnesses: "Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?" "Would you state your name? Please be seated"

Following the Trial:

- When the Judge recesses the jury to deliberate at the end of the testimony part of the trial, you again say, "All Rise". After the judge and jury leaves, say, "you may be seated or use the restroom at this time, the jury will return in 10 minutes or less.
- After 10 minutes, again say, "All rise" as the judge and jury return to the courtroom. When the judge and jury are in their places, say "Be seated". The Judge will then ask the Jury foreman if they have reached a decision.