



## ***INSIDE THE NEW HAMPSHIRE SUPREME COURT***

The New Hampshire Supreme Court makes sure that justice is served and the rights of the people of New Hampshire are protected. Look at the map of the courtroom where cases are heard by the justices. Then label the features with the letter of the item from the map key that describes how that feature protects New Hampshire's people.

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**LIBRARY**

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## ***NEW HAMPSHIRE SUPREME COURT MAP KEY***

Read the descriptions of locations in the Supreme Court. Write the letter of each description next to the number of the map feature it matches. Then answer the question below.

<p><b>a.</b> The first step to a NH Supreme Court case is filing with the court. People called clerks take care of all the paperwork at the court. People come to the clerks' window to request files. This space belongs to the people of New Hampshire, so anyone can come in here and speak to the clerks.</p>	<p><b>d.</b> The law library of over 100,000 books is public, meaning that anyone can make an appointment to come in here and do research.</p>
<p><b>b.</b> This side of the bar is called the public gallery. The public is welcome to come and watch oral arguments at the court. Making trials public is an important part of making sure that laws are applied fairly.</p>	<p><b>e.</b> If a case is assigned a court date for oral arguments, this table is for the party that chose to appeal a decision made by another judge in a different court.</p>
<p><b>c.</b> If a case is assigned a court date for oral arguments, this table is for the party that that believes the earlier decision made by another judge was correct and should not be changed.</p>	<p><b>f.</b> Every case is decided by five Supreme Court justices, not a single judge. The justices sit at a bench in the well of the courtroom, which is separated from the rest of the courtroom by a bar.</p>

Why do you think it's important for New Hampshire to have a Supreme Court? Use the space below to write your opinion. Be sure to include supporting details from the virtual field trip.

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