

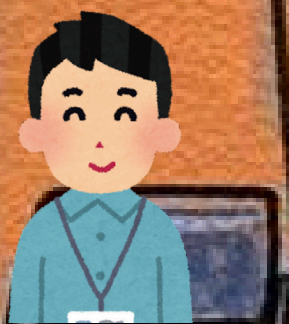
Alameda County Juvenile Court: Who's Who?

Identifying Key Players in Juvenile Court

Court Probation Officer



Clerk



Judges: Judge Garcia (Department 401) or Judge Jackson (Department 402)



Court Reporter



Bailiff/ JIOs



Juvenile Hall Door

District Attorney



Defense Lawyer



Youth



Interpreter



Family Members, Service Providers, and Other Supporters

Other People



Who's Who: Alameda County Juvenile Court

Judge: Judge Garcia (Dept. 401) or Judge Jackson (Dept. 402)

- The judge runs the court room and will decide what happens in each case and hearing.
- Judges may speak to youth or their supporters during a hearing.
- When the judge speaks it is best to listen respectfully and answer their questions unless advised not to by a lawyer. Judges can be called "Your Honor."
- Lawyers may ask the judge to hear from a youth, their family, or service providers if they would like to speak to the judge in court.

Defense Lawyer

- Defense lawyers represent youth and will argue on their behalf to the judge in court.

District Attorney

- At each hearing in juvenile court, there will be a lawyer (though not always the same one) representing the case against the youth.

Bailiff/Juvenile Institutional Officers (JIOs)

- The bailiff is a sheriff from the Alameda County Sheriff's Department and will be in uniform. They will ask the people who show up to support the youth to sign in.
- If a youth comes to court from juvenile hall, 1-2 Juvenile Institutional Officers (JIOs) may also be present.

Interpreter

- If the youth or their supporter(s) speak another language, an interpreter should give them headphones and interpret the hearing for them.

Family Members, Service Providers, and Other Supporters

- The people who come to support youth in court are only permitted to enter the court room for the hearing they are there for. The defense lawyer will let them know when it is time.
- Youth and their supporters may not speak to one another during court.
- Supporters may be asked to introduce themselves at the start of the hearing and may speak if the judge asks them questions or the defense lawyer asks the judge to allow them to speak.

Other People

- Juvenile court hearings are confidential and closed to the general public.
- However, in the chairs behind the district attorney, there are often a few other people who may come and go during the hearing. These are generally other lawyers waiting for their clients' cases to be called.

Court Probation Officer

- The person who announces the case at the start of the hearing is a representative for the probation department in court.
- They will likely not be the youth's probation officer; however, the judge may ask them about the probation report or how the youth has done on probation.

Clerk

- Clerks are the judge's assistants in court. They help plan the judge's calendar and keep track of things for the judge.

Court Reporter

- The court reporter takes notes of everything that happens in court.