

## **STEPS IN A JURY TRIAL**

Step 1: Pre-Trial Prep – Getting familiar with evidence & witnesses

Step 2: Information Gathering – Research, locating experts, review evidence

Step 3: Pre-Trial Hearing –Arraignment, Plea bargaining, Review of evidence in court

Step 4: Jury Selection – Questionnaire, Look for unbiased jurors.

Step 5: Opening Statements – Prosecution then defense

Step 6: Prosecution presents their case – Order:

Direct Examination – Prosecution

Cross Examination – Defense

Re-direct – Prosecution

Recross - Defense

Step 7: Defense presents their case - Order:

Direct Examination - Defense

Cross Examination - Prosecution

Re-direct - Defense

Re-cross - Prosecution

Step 8: Closing Arguments - Defense speaks first then prosecution

Step 9: Judge gives jury instructions, they will then deliberate and provide a verdict. Judge decides sentencing.