

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES



JURY MEMBER:

Patently listen while each attorney presents his or her side of the case. Convene with other jury members to make impartial, sober and thoughtful decisions based solely upon the facts of the case. As part of the jury, you will come up with a fair sentence for the defendant after carefully considering the law and circumstances surrounding the offense.

CLERK:

Maintain records during sessions of the Cooper County Youth Court, maintain a calendar of cases and maintain all evidence in a case.

BAILIFF:

Maintain order and decorum in the court room and assist the judge and clerk as necessary.

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

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Cooper County
Youth Court
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COOPER COUNTY YOUTH COURT

JUSTICE

RESPONSIBILITY . . .

A SECOND CHANCE . . .



"YOUTH HELPING YOUTH"

COOPER COUNTY YOUTH COURT



Cooper County Youth Court is comprised of students between the ages of 12-18 who live within Cooper County. These student members of Youth Court attend training sessions that qualify them to serve as attorneys, jury members, clerks and bailiffs. Youth volunteers will handle cases referred to Youth Court by the Juvenile Office. Youth Court juries are responsible for handing out sentences.

Cooper County Youth Court will help youth develop a respect for and knowledge of the criminal justice system while creating a diversion for those who will come in contact with it.



WHY PARTICIPATE?



As a member of Youth Court, you will have the opportunity to see first hand how the juvenile justice system works. You personally will be able to impact this system as you perform your duties as a prosecuting attorney, a defense attorney, clerk, bailiff or a member of the jury.

Additionally, you will ...

- Work with area attorneys.
- Have an opportunity to serve in each of the roles of Youth Court.
- Gain valuable experience worth noting on a job resume or a college application.

But most importantly, you will have a chance to reach out and help your peers who have, somehow, managed to end up on the wrong side of the law.



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In general, the roles and responsibilities of Youth Court personnel are as follows:

DEFENSE ATTORNEY:

Review the complaint, the police reports and the statute to determine how serious the charge is against your client. Discuss the circumstances of the case with your client. Present your client in the very best light possible and make recommendations to the court.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY:

Review the statute, the complaint and the police reports. Present the facts of the case to the court and make a recommendation to the jury in light of the relevant facts.

